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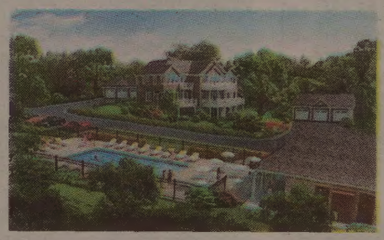

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Sun. 2/28 • 12-1:30PM
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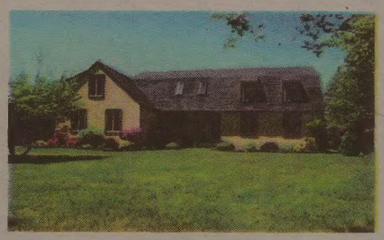

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DEPARTING	**Amagansett** In Front of The Gansett Green Manor	5:40	6:40	7:40	8:40	9:40	10:40	12:40	2:40	5:10		8:10	11:40	1:30	4:40	8:40	10:40	12:55	2:55	3:55	5:20	6:40	8:45
	East Hampton Across From The Palm	5:50	6:50	7:50	8:50	9:50	10:50	12:50	2:50	5:20		8:20	11:50	1:40	4:50	8:50	10:50	1:05	3:05	4:05	5:30	6:50	8:55
	Wainscott In Front of The Wainscott Shopping Center	5:55	6:55	7:55	8:55	9:55	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:30		8:25	12:00	1:50	5:00	9:00	11:00	1:15	3:15	4:15	5:40	7:00	9:05
	Bridgehampton Across From The Community House	6:05	7:05	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:10	1:10	3:10	5:40		8:35	12:10	2:00	5:10	9:10	11:10	1:25	3:25	4:25	5:50	7:10	9:15
	Water Mill In Front of Subway Sandwich Shop	6:10	7:10	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:20	1:20	3:20	5:50		8:40	12:20	2:10	5:20	9:20	11:20	1:35	3:35	4:35	6:00	7:20	9:25
	Southampton Train Station	6:20	7:20	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:30	1:30	3:30	6:00		8:50	12:30	2:20	5:30	9:30	11:30	1:45	3:45	4:45	6:10	7:30	9:35
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	50th Street & Third Avenue	8:25	9:25	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:35	3:35	5:35	8:05		10:55	2:35	4:25	7:35	11:35	1:35	3:50	5:50	6:50	8:15	9:35	11:40
	60th Street & Third Avenue	8:30	9:30	10:35	11:35	12:35	1:40	3:40	5:40	8:10		11:00	2:40	4:30	7:40	11:40	1:40	3:55	5:55	6:55	8:20	9:40	11:45
	72th Street & Third Avenue	8:35	9:35	10:40	11:40	12:40	1:45	3:45	5:45	8:15		11:05	2:45	4:35	7:45	11:45	1:45	4:00	6:00	7:00	8:25	9:45	11:50
	79th Street & Third Avenue	8:40	9:40	10:45	11:45	12:45	1:50	3:50	5:50	8:20		11:10	2:50	4:40	7:50	11:50	1:50	4:05	6:05	7:05	8:30	9:50	11:55
	86th Street & Third Avenue	8:45	9:45	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:55	3:55	5:55	8:25		11:15	2:55	4:45	7:55	11:55	1:55	4:10	6:10	7:10	8:35	9:55	12:00

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	70th Street Lexington Between 69th & 70th Street	9:55	11:55	1:00	2:25	3:30	5:10	6:20	7:25	8:35	10:10	8:25	9:25	10:55	1:25	4:00	6:20	8:05	12:35	5:10	8:20	10:10	
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Filing Stories over the Internet in 1980 Amid Friendly Afghan Rebels

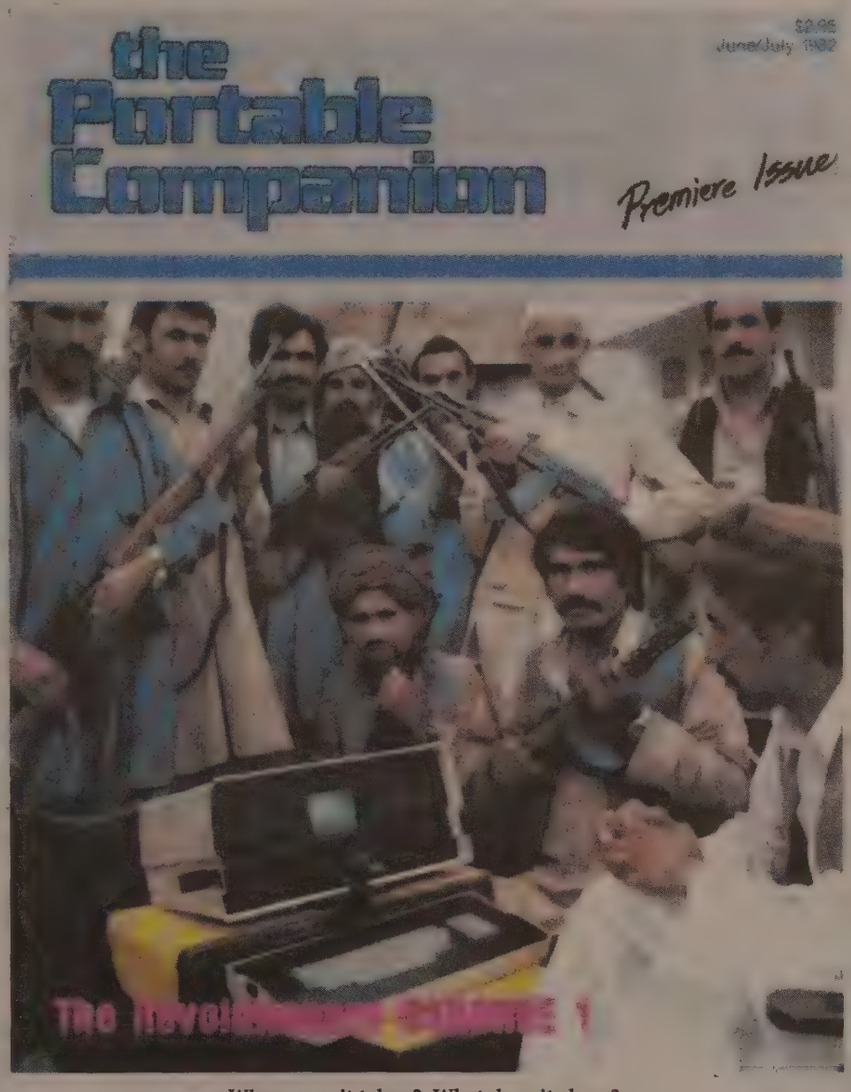
By Dan Rattiner

Becuase our President has decided to ramp up the War in Afghanistan, I thought it would be an interesting thing to present to you, dear reader, this magazine cover photograph. It's an unusual thing. Where was it taken? And what is it of?

I suspect you would say that it was taken in Afghanistan, and you would be right about that. And I would suspect you would also say it's a photograph of something that Taliban rebels have captured, perhaps a piece off an American airplane they have shot down. Or perhaps a piece of allied equipment they have captured. You would be very wrong with either of those guesses.

What you are looking at, in fact, are Afghan rebel warriors who are the parents of the Afghan rebel warriors that are around today. The picture was taken in 1982, and these rebels, all Muslims, are not showing off something they have captured to the photographer, who happens to be an American war correspondent. They are showing off something they are protecting. It is the war correspondent's portable computer. In fact, it is the first portable computer ever made and, at the time, it was thought that it was one more thing that would help the Afghans win the war they were fighting—not against the Americans, but against the Soviets. The Americans were there as Afghan allies to drive them out.

What a mess. The Afghan war had been underway for four years by the time this picture was taken. It would continue on against the Soviets for another seven. Finally, the Russians would pack up and leave. And the facts of how that was done would be dutifully reported by the American correspondent who owned this computer—David Kline of the *Chicago Sun-Times*—who would unlatch the keyboard from the main body of this affair and type the events of the day on it, then immediately send it off to his editors in Chicago. They'd have it within minutes after he wrote it, halfway around the world. In 1982, nothing like this had ever been done before by a man toting a portable computer. Before this, reporters typed on electric typewriters. And if they wanted to get their stories somewhere, they would fold them up and mail them first-class at a post office, have it retyped and sent by telegram or, in the United States anyway, sent by fax. The Osborne I, as it was called, started the Internet revolution. From this, there was no turning back. It is the granddaddy of the laptop computer.



Where was it taken? What does it show?

David Kline might have written this account in 1982.

"Aleksandr Prolov, 20, set out with a Soviet road-clearing team toward the besieged Afghan town of Khost last December. He died on the way—victim of a rocket from mujahedin fighters. Now, Frolov's bunk at Darulaman military base near Kabul is draped with a flack and red sash and a soldier's cap. 'We're disappointed by our losses,' base commander Col. Knostantin Belov said last week, 'but we have done our job.'"

That's something I found in a copy of *Newsweek* from that era.

As I said, the 1982 mujahedin are the parents of the 2009 Taliban. The enemy is different, but the goal is the same. I say, God bless America's troops. With Obama's brains and with a new strategy, one hopes that we can win this war and set up a new democracy in that far-away land, then bring our boys home.

But, you know, it is really amazing to think just how different things were in America and in the world in 1982. The first shot of what can only be called a radical Muslim revolution, which is still going on today, had occurred just four years before with the kidnapping of the members of the American embassy in Iran. This was during the Jimmy Carter administration. America was in the middle of the Cold War against the Soviets. Thousands of nuclear missiles were pointed at them by us—and at us by them. This kidnapping seemed like an embarrassing distraction. Were they on our side or the Soviet side? It was all very confusing.

There were no cell phones in 1982, and there was no Microsoft nor Windows. The Internet was for the government and the universities. And most computers were the size of refrigerators in 1982 and, yes, it was possible to buy one at great expense for your business bookkeeping, but you would have to do it through IBM. Here at *Dan's Papers*, we had done just that in 1981.

Fascinated with this new technology, though, I was dumbfounded and intrigued by this photograph, which was on the cover of a magazine back in 1982. How could they file stories like this? What an amazing achievement. I wanted to learn more.

In 1982, I had a different *Dan's Papers* in each of the towns in the Hamptons, also one in Block Island, Rhode Island and Fire Island. Each was called *One of Dan's Papers* on the masthead, which is why, today, with all these different newspapers having merged (except Montauk), *Dan's Papers* has an "s" at the end.

All copy for these separate papers in those days was typed up on typewriters and sent to our central office in Bridgehampton by snail mail, where it had to be re-typed on special machines. Every magazine and newspaper in the country worked this way. Until the Osborne I.

I got seven Osborne I's in 1982. I still have an old *Star Wars*-designed Osborne Is as a souvenir, and, 27 years later, I still have this magazine that I found in an old chest last week. So there you are.

As for the seven Osborne Is, I outfitted my staff with them. I had one in Fire Island, one in Block Island, one with a reporter on the North Fork, another with a reporter in Westhampton, yet another with a reporter in Montauk, one at the main office and one for myself.

I soon discovered the secret of how we could flash newspaper articles back and forth. Keep in mind there was no AOL, no Windows, no Google,

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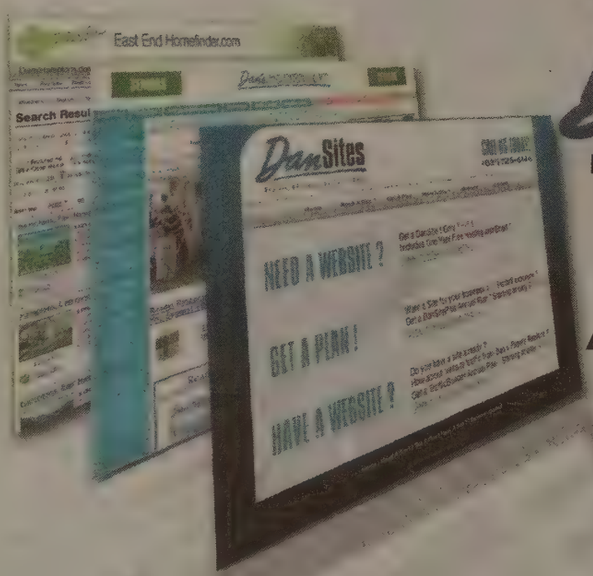

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

Sag Harbor part-timer **Keith Hernandez** started tutoring Mets first baseman Daniel Murphy last week. Lessons included how to move around the bag, how to pivot like a pro and when to reach for ground balls.

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Hampton Classic winner **Hillary Dobbs** placed fourth in her third Equestrian Idol event benefiting the Equus Foundation at The Palm Beach International Equestrian Center last month.

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In other Olympics news, Water Mill resident and "Today" show host **Matt Lauer** was the first correspondent to broadcast live from the Games this week. He also participated in the Olympic Torch Relay, running the flame through Burnaby, British Columbia.

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"Sex and the City" star **Cynthia Nixon** bought a waterfront cottage in Montauk with fiancée Christine Marinoni. The pair paid $1.7 million for the .85-acre property.

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Southampton resident and "Real Housewives of New York City" star **Kelly Bensimon** will pose in the March issue of *Playboy* magazine.

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After 29 years, Hamptons regular **Barbara Walters** has decided that this year will be the last of her Oscar Night specials. Reportedly, Walters is simply over it. After almost three decades, she doesn't see it as being so special anymore.

Cartoons by *Dan's* Papers founder **Dan Rattiner** will be showcased at Stony Brook Southampton College library for a month beginning on Friday, Feb. 26. The artist will be in the library lobby, where the cartoons are being showcased, for a reception on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 5-7 p.m.Refreshments will be served.

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Wiley, aka **AM and CAN Ch Bella Del Conte Rissoso**, won Best Opposite Sex in Briards at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show last week. Wiley, a Hamptons resident, is co-owned by **Ellen Myers** of Bridgehampton and **Nancy Valiquette** of Canada.

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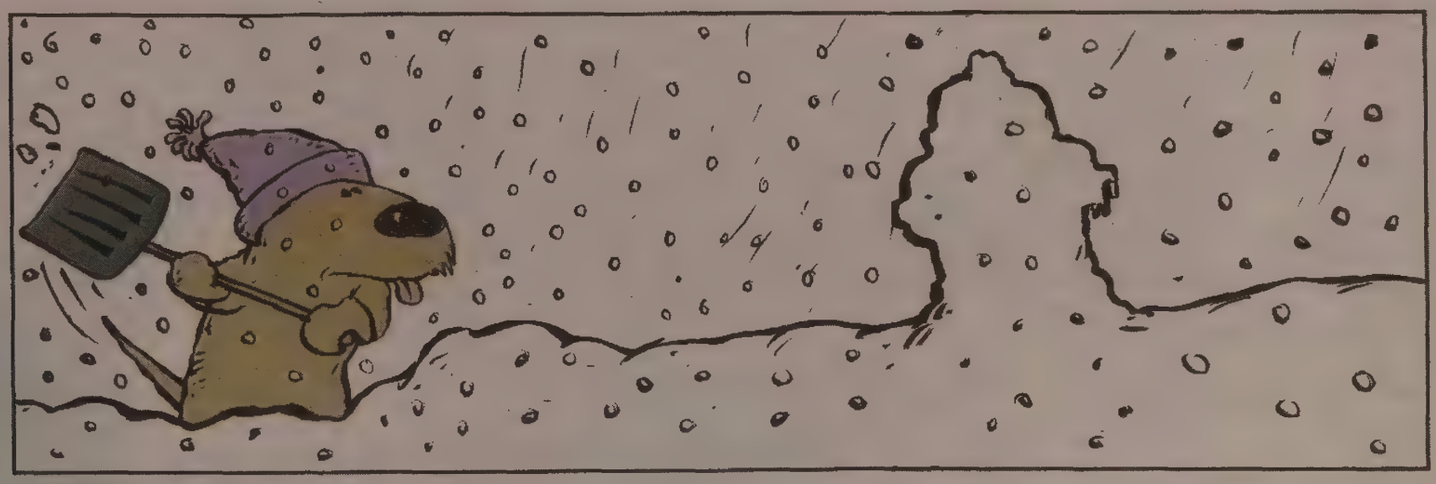
The Hayground School in Bridgehampton was awarded a $300,000 educational grant from the prestigious Leon Levy Foundation for the advancement of humanity and learning. The grant will be used to initiate several new programs, including a scientist-in-residence, an extended day program and a scholarship fund.



Global Cooling

Unexpected Downturn in Global Warming is Traced to Water Vapor

By Dan Rattiner

Since the Christmas holidays here in the Hamptons, our community, and all of the northeast, has been staggering through some of the coldest weather in generations.

We've had a string of snowstorms, one of which buried us in a record-breaking 25 inches of snow within 24 hours. We've had howling winds and temperatures averaging nearly 10 degrees below normal, including one stretch where, with the wind chill factor, the temperatures were 10 below zero.

Meanwhile, around the region, particularly in the soft underbelly of the Middle Atlantic States, the climate has been breaking records. Washington buckled under 30 inches of snow, Philadelphia measured out at 35 inches in one snowstorm, and parts of western Pennsylvania were digging out 40 inches of snow.

To be honest, I was just getting happily used to the effects of global warming. We are perfectly positioned on the planet for it. Our summer months of short-sleeve shirt weather and sun bathing have increased from just July through August to mid-May through mid-October. People used to say that the best weather in the Hamptons was in August. Now they say that August is too hot—to stay in air-conditioned rooms when it gets over 95 and enjoy the peaceful summer breezes and temperatures of September and much of October.

Meanwhile, the winters have become much milder. The "summer people," as we used to call them, come out year-round now, and what passes for the heart of the winter has not been much at all. For the 25 years prior to the last two, we've had very little snow, if any at all. In 17 of the last 20, we've had absolutely no snow. It's been quite noticeable when you recall the great blizzards we had in the 1960s and 1970s. To the summer people looking at the Hamptons in the wintertime, those backbreaking and almost impossible winters went from being entirely avoided to a pussycat growl.

Yeah, we were out there in the wintertime, they would tell their friends. We got through it.

Then came last winter and this. Total snow accumulations this year are edging close to 50 inches in the Hamptons. People get through this by wearing double sets of clothes or silk underwear, ski gloves and scarves wrapped around their faces under knitted wool caps.

Frankly, I've pretty much given up on the human race doing anything meaningful about the supposed global warming. It's due to the limitations of the human brain. It might be the biggest brain around, but it's no match for global warming. Our approach to solving the problem has been simply shortsighted. We say, well if the ice melts bad enough to inundate islands and low-lying areas, those people will just have to move inland. In the end, when we're all up on a mountaintop with the water lapping at our feet, we'll still do nothing about it—at least *we're* fine! Enjoy it for as long as you can. Wet

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LEVY CAN'T SEE BEYOND HIS UPBRINGING

By Dan Rattiner

Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, who has been criticized for having done nothing to help minority groups in the county until forced to do so by protesters, is getting forced again.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Levy made a speech in which he said, referring to the Minority Housing Complaint Commission he had set up in 2007, that "even Shaniqua could file a complaint."

The use of a popular, African American first-name in this way alarmed many people, including the Rev. Roderick Pearson of the Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Central Islip, and Tracey Edwards, the head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Long Island branch.

Levy stood by his use of the name "Shaniqua."

"You believed it furthered stereotypes related to various ethnic groups," he wrote to Edwards. "I respectfully and vehemently disagree with your conclusion."

Levy, who I truly believe doesn't have a racist bone in his body—or at least thinks that he does not—has reason to believe this because this way of speaking was perfectly normal in the society he grew up in. Levy was raised in a section of Suffolk County near Patchogue, where racist incidents had gone on for decades. The Klu Klux Klan operated there years ago. The Nazi party held rallies in this area years ago. In recent times, a kid in the high school that Levy also attended, told his friends one night that he was going out to "get a Mexican." And then, with the others trailing along, he did, with a knife. The "Mexican," actually a resident of Ecuador, died. Levy commented at the time—this was early on in his term as County Executive, before any protesting—that the news of this would last for just a day, then it would be over. Things like this happen all the time in Nassau County and nobody makes a big fuss when it's THERE, he said.

Levy need[illegible] to be protected from himself.

Perhap[illegible] I can give him a good example of how this might feel. Levy is of the Jewish persuasion. (Well, it's a Jewish name. And he LOOKS Jewish. Oops.) How would he feel if a member of one of the local private golf clubs—which up to now have been an exclusive enclave for the white Christian community—said THIS after the club made the decision to open up the course to Jews.

"Even Hymie could apply now and get consideration."

That's the end of my Steve Levy lesson for today.

I should like to point out that, in Suffolk County for more than a century, the documents

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no hard drive, no nothing back then. How could you do this?

First of all, there was something a computer hacker invented called WordStar, a program that came on a floppy disk. You could slide WordStar into a slot to the left of the screen, turn the Osborne I on and, as you see in this picture, the screen would light up in black and white, and a cursor would appear flashing on the screen. You would type "A: WordStar." The "A" would direct the Osborne to the left-hand slot, the "A" slot, and the word "WordStar" would get that program to load from there. WordStar was a very primitive writing program that allowed you to type stories—do paragraphing, capital letters and all the other things—and then allow you to give the story a "name," which had to be one word of no more than four keystrokes. Then you could save the story on a blank floppy in the "B" drive under that name.

Then came the matter of sending the story. There was a place called a "modem" on the Osborne I where you could clip in a telephone line. A few keystrokes got you a dial tone. Then you could dial a number and press "enter."

The secret of the Osborne I was to find a phone number that could receive data over the phone. This was, by the way, very expensive and available only to the government and big business. But I found a cheaper way.

I learned about something called MCI Mail. For $8, you could buy yourself a "post office box" on it. They'd give you the number to dial for your modem to get to your box. They'd give you a password to access it. You could leave a Wordstar file there and people, with their password, could fetch your Wordstar file from there.

MCI Mail never caught on, though, and, after about five years, the project was abandoned. But during those five years, here is what we did: I gave EVERYBODY at *Dan's Papers* with an Osborne I the phone number to the MCI post office and the password to access the mailbox. Stories could be written from anywhere and posted up there. We could retrieve them in Bridgehampton, or somebody on the North Fork could retrieve one sent from Block Island or Fire Island.

The Osborne I also got me out of the house and down to the beach to write. I bought a Volkswagen camper bus. Behind the driver's and passenger's seats was a dining table, cabinets and a sink. I'd lug the Osborne I—it weighed 22 pounds—out to the camper bus, go down to the beach and park. Then I'd set the Osborne I on the table, crack it open and start typing. I'd save what I wrote to a disk. Then, back home, I'd attach the modem to a telephone line and ship the story up to the mailbox for retrieval in Bridgehampton. And that was that.

Today, we are five generations of computers down the road from the Osborne I. I work on a three-pound, $399 laptop either on the ocean beach sitting in a folding chair, at home, on the bus, or at a café in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan near our apartment, or in Central Park on a bench. Not only can I save what I write, I can also, immediately, with a USB-wireless antenna attachment, send off what I write to the editors at *Dan's Papers*—anywhere there is an AT&T cell phone signal.

They are showing off something they are protecting—the war correspondent's portable computer.

I should talk a little bit about the founder of the Osborne I, Adam Osborne. He was an Englishman and a computer expert who wrote articles for computer magazines. Osborne knew about Wordstar, and he also knew there were available on floppy disks Supercalc, a spreadsheet program, and Lotus123, the predecessor of Microsoft Excel. Any one of those three programs, but only those three programs, could be

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Desperate Measures

Monitoring the Dramatic Increase in Meals Served at our Food Pantries

By Dan Rattiner

Back in the Great Depression, our local townships opened soup kitchens in churches, sent out trucks to visit local farms for produce and then went around from family to family delivering what the farmers were able to spare. Somehow, people got through—between the farming and fishing, nobody starved.

In this economic downturn, things never got to that, thanks to the stimulus packages that the administration voted through to keep catastrophe at bay. But now, even though certain segments of the economy seem to be stirring—including real estate—the impact on the general out-of-work population continues to lag behind.

It is worth noting just exactly how those in serious distress—and there are large numbers of such people—are being helped out this time around. Interestingly enough, it is not through any local government programs. It is entirely from volunteer work and charitable donations. But the scale of it is quite vast, and most of it revolves around various community centers and churches, with merchants helping every which way they can.

At the present time, about a dozen food pantries have sprung up in the Hamptons. They are located in Montauk, Amagansett, Springs, East Hampton, Wainscott, Sag Harbor, Southampton, Hampton Bays, Westhampton and Riverhead. Food is stored in refrigerators and freezers at these locations, or it is bagged fresh to be handed out to whomever can present an ID at the door and wait their turn.

There have always been food pantries in our towns. The number of them in the last year, however, is triple what it used to be. Furthermore, the number of people served has doubled or tripled. It is fair to say that if you were to count the number of meals handed out or served in these food pantries, the total would probably be about five times what it was two years ago.

To give you an idea of the scale of things and what goes on in these pantries, I talked at length with Gabrielle Scarpaci, who is the executive director of the East Hampton Food Pantry at 219-50 Accabonac Road. This is in Windmill Village Two, a subsidized housing complex built by the town largely for retirees. The pantry is in the community center.

In the area bordered by Amagansett and Wainscott, it is one of three pantries where, before, there had been just one.

I think it is fair to say that what goes on at the East Hampton Food Pantry, as this one is called, is typical of what is going on in all the food pantries.

"Two years ago, we fed over the course of the year about 7,000 individuals," Scarpaci told me. "This year we will have fed 20,000. On Thanksgiving, we gave out 312 dinners. At Christmas, it was over 400. In prior years, we closed up for Christmas and New Years."

Looked at another way, this food pantry served an area that has a population of about 4,000 people. One in 10 of them got their holiday dinner, there.

"We get all sorts of people," Scarpaci told me. "Three days ago, a woman with a child pulled up in a Mercedes. She was hysterical from crying. Her boyfriend had left her. She was a real estate broker, but had not made a sale in over a year. She was out of money. She couldn't get loans. She didn't know what to do. We fed her and her baby. She sat at one of the tables and we gave her soup and vegetables."

There are all sorts of stories. And there are all sorts of ways to help. Some things are just donated. Others are sold to the pantry at great discount. She mentioned some of where everything came from.

"The Lions Club just donated a walk-in refrigerator," she said. "It's in the basement. Breadzilla in Wainscott gives us bagels, bread and rolls. East End Community Organic Farm (EECO) on Long Lane has given us two acres where we grow fresh herbs and vegetables. They've also erected a hoop house for us so we can keep the abundance at 100 degrees. The IGA in Amagansett gave us 45 pallets of canned goods and other foods as a gift. Vicki's Veggies donates. They also have signs up so their customers can donate fruits and vegetables, and one such customer gave Vicki's $8,000 for us for the things we have to buy beyond what is donated. The Bridgehampton National Bank matched $5,000 in donations for us in November and December. The Milk Pail in Water Mill gives us corn, pies, apples and vegetables. Cittanuova, the restaurant on Newtown Lane, brings us great vats of hot soup they make which we can give out. We also give out clothing, toys, blankets and DVDs. This year, the Jewish Center of the Hamptons held a coat drive for us." She paused. "Everything goes."

Those in trouble who need this sort of help come to this food pantry on Mondays, the day that everything is handed out.

"We spend much of the morning on Mondays assembling food bags. We have food handling permits. We fill hundreds and hundreds of bags with tuna fish cans, potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, shelf-stable milk. When people are hungry, they're not shy. They are grateful for this."

The food pantry is ready to greet the public between 2 and 6 p.m. As many as 250 families come during those four hours. They wait in the community center lounge, and then they are checked in, giving street addresses and names. Photo identification is needed for adults, birth certificates for children.

"We try to give out two or three days worth of food. We don't give it to anyone. This is private. Give our lists to anyone who wants to see them? Not at all. It is difficult enough for people to come to our door for help, and we will not betray them."

The scene is people sitting at tables and chairs. There's room enough for 80 people in the recreation room there. There is often music playing.

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operated on the Osborne I—never together of course, but one at a time. You'd save your work on a floppy disk in the "B" drive.

Osborne constructed a factory in Indiana where his portable computers could be built, and he laid plans for an Osborne 2 that would be much of the same but with a bigger screen.

(As you see, the screen on the Osborne 1 is only three inches across. *Squint.*)

Osborne soon got a competitor. It was an upstart father-and-son team from Los Angeles, Andrew and David Kay. They created the Kaypro, which looked just like the Osborne, but it had a plain case of metal rather than the outer space-designed molded plastic of the Osborne. It was an exact copy of the Osborne I, but with a bigger screen that measured six inches across. Osborne struggled.

The end came for both Osborne and Kaypro in 1985, when IBM unveiled its much more powerful desktop PC. It was not portable, but it had a nice 11-inch screen, a hard drive, a whole variety of different programs and a beautiful interface called "Windows," which they had leased from a guy named Steve Jobs of a company called Microsoft.

Osborne went out of business. Kaypro had a more dramatic end. The Kays had been borrowing money to continue Kaypro, using thousands and thousands of unsold Kaypro computers as collateral. But when the banks closed in and wanted to see the collateral, David Kay led them to a big white tent high on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean under which, he said, all of his Kaypros were warehoused.

The flap was opened. The cupboard was bare. David and his father went down in flames.

So anyway, that's the story. Our friends are now our enemies. The Soviet Union is gone. We all use Google and Facebook and cell phones. Cable TV came in to dominate the scene, and newspapers went into decline as the popularity of the Internet and TV rose. As for those silly eight tracks we slid into slots to play our music back then, they've gone the way of the dodo bird, as have their successors, tape cassettes.

I recall the late comedian Gilda Radner saying, on hearing that the Japanese had created the CD to replace cassettes, that she'd only buy a CD player if the Japanese promised not to invent anything else.

In fact, they haven't, unless you consider Blue Ray. Time marches on.

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that stated the terms of the sale of many residential properties mentioned that the property was "not to be re-sold to those of the Negro or Jewish race."

Interestingly, if you go back and look at the documents, these little codicils remain in the transactions. You cannot change them. There is nothing you can do to a legal document after the fact. What you can do is ignore them, which everybody in this enlightened age now does when they come up in a title search. And you can fail to enforce them, which every law enforcement officer also now does.

I think that back in the beginning of the 20th century, when these little codicils were rampant in all new real estate documents, nobody thought anything of it—it was just the way things were. There was no racism intended. Well, of course there WAS racism, we all know that. This was just a bit of go-along.

In the second year of Steve Levy's term, people in both the majority and the minority began, figuratively, beating him over the head with sticks to get him to realize that there was a lot wrong here as far as racism goes. Complaints, particularly those made by the Hispanic community at that time, were being widely ignored or crumpled up and thrown in the round file by the Suffolk County police at that time. Hundreds of people stepped forward to say they made complaints; none have moved forward. And officially, in the past year, according to the police chief who looked into it, there was just one.

As a result, Levy passed his famous anti-bias laws, and set up his minority group advisory commission and his anti-housing bias commission.

The outcome? According to the police, the number of racial incidents in Suffolk County increased because of the new law, but you could still count every one of the complaints in the past

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Givin' You the BUSINESS

MTA's Bad Business

By T.J. Clemente

There are 520 million reasons for Suffolk County residents to be upset with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) about planned curtailed service cuts that smack of arrogance. Suffolk County generates $520 million a year for the MTA, about $347 per person. Just recently, a payroll tax was added for every payroll check cut in Suffolk to subsidize a transit system that provides broad service New York City and its immediate surroundings, while giving Suffolk County an odd train or so every day.

Within the $520 million is a whopping $97 million generated by sales tax in the county, $125 million from mortgage tax, $26 million from increased motor vehicle fees, and the ultimate slap in the face—the payroll tax designed to produce at least $98 million for the MTA.

Local politicians representing the county in Albany are scrambling. Assemblyman Fred Thiele, always frank about the ruinous mentality now crippling Albany, said the new cutbacks show that the MTA is "tone-deaf." At the time of the payroll tax implementation, County Legislator Jay Schneiderman joked that it would be chaper to give all MTA commuters in Suffolk a leased car. Southold Supervisor Scott Russell called it, "It's taxation without transportation."

And now, even the very few who benefited from those odd-running trains are being affected. The new proposal is to end train service from Lake Ronkonkoma to Greenport in the off season, to be replaced by sketchy bus service.

MTA officials seem to believe they are entitled to do what they like to support a corrupt system of top-heavy bureaucracy and union-won pay scales. Yet on this end, there are and have been several movements to make the East End "transit independent." The Five Town Rural Transit, Inc. (5TRT) is, "a citizen-based transit advocacy group made up of East End residents," according to their press release. The 5TRT defined a

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Who's Here

Ch Bella Del Conte Rissoso, Champion

By Susan M. Galardi

In the star-studded Hamptons, you really have to go some to be a breed apart. With her iconoclastic nature, international pedigree and sheer chutszpah, Bella del Conte Rissoso can go the distance with any Hamptons countess or celeb. Despite wild notoriety garnered early in life, Bella, aka Wiley, is no diva—although, like some other Hamptons stars, she is considered to be a royal bitch.

On Feb. 15, this Bridgehampton resident pranced away with yet another award: Best Opposite Sex in Briard at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. The club wasn't just throwing her a bone. In fact, the award goes both ways and is *de rigrrrrr*. If a female is chosen first, a select male becomes Best Opposite Sex. "It's only fair," said Wiley. "Despite the nature/nurture arguments, males and females really do have innate differences."

Shattering misconceptions about blondes, Wiley is a balance of brains and beauty. "She's received consistent recognition for attractiveness and sound character," said Ellen Myers, whom Wiley lives with and slurps from time to time.

Myers has close family ties to 3 1/2-year-old Wiley. Ten years ago she introduced Wiley's grandfather, Igor of the Coastline, to Westminster. "Ellen and Igor were inseparable," said Wiley. "They shopped together, went to the beach, dined *alfresco*—Pappa Igor never resented having to sit on the other side of the fence, but I hope to see that change in my lifetime. Look, we have a black president now. Anything is possible!" she added with her typical enthusiasm and a toss of the head.

Like the Baldwins and the Joels, Wiley's celebrity family has dug in right here in the Hamptons. Her award-winning uncle Ungar of the Coastline also lives in Bridgehampton.

But the family drama of this fair-haired beauty came full circle several years ago. Ellen Meyers was very close to Wiley's mother, Uma of the Coastline—she was there when Uma was born. Recognizing Uma's *joie de vivre* and hunger for travel as well as pig ears, Meyers sent the pup to live in Italy with a friend, Tino Malinverno. Four years into her Eurpean sojourn, Uma succumbed like so many to the swarthy Italian male. She became pregnant with multiples (without the aid of fertility drugs), one of whom was Wiley. Uma saw in her daughter the same *wanderlust*, so Malinverno sent the girl to New York to live with—Ellen Meyers. Meyers was thrilled, but busy with a brood of her own, she wisely sought support of Nancy Valiquette, President of The Canadian Briard Club. The two raised young Wiley as their own. "They're family to me," said Wiley, her big brown eyes welling up, "even though there's little physical resemblance."

And thus began Wiley's meteoric rise from child star to mature artist. In 2007 she won Best Puppy in the Canadian National and Best Senior Puppy at the American National. A year later she won her class in the American National, and last summer, Best in Show at the Canadian National Briard Speciality.

Wiley cut her fangs in these competitions as she prepared for Westminster where 11 males and 9 females went wet-nose-to-wet-nose. "Westminster is so exciting," Wiley howled. "The bad part is that I get hungry when I'm excited. Adam Bernardin, my handler, always bites my treats! I don't' mind. It's our little thing."

Watching the video from the event (http://video.westminsterkennelclub.org/player/?id=1201663), it's clear that Wiley is in her element. But when Judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine surveyed the group, even Wiley's tail

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Local Man Saves Ronkonkoma Hunter from Giant Ecuadorian Eel

First published in *Dan's Papers* on Feb. 14, 2003

By Dan Rattiner

A hunter from Lake Ronkonkoma nearly died last Monday evening after being attacked by a giant eel in Noyac. He was walking across the frozen surface of Trout Pond right at dusk that evening, when the giant creature broke through the ice from underneath, wrapped himself around the man and tried to pull him under. It was only because of the quick thinking of a deliveryman, who had parked his van facing the pond to enjoy the view for a while, that the hunter was saved. The hunter, John Robertson, owes his life to the deliveryman, Noah Shrek.

"I saw he was in serious trouble," Shrek said. "It was pure instinct. I just got out of the van and ran on the ice and saved him."

The encounter began when Robertson, who was hunting deer on the north side of the pond, followed some deer tracks onto the pond and across it. We spoke to Robertson in his hospital bed in Southampton, where he is recovering. He suffered several broken ribs from being squeezed, third-degree electric shocks to his scalp and feet, and some sort of rash on his chest and stomach from green slime that had come off the eel during the encounter. The eel also bit him in the nose.

"At first I didn't know what had hit me," Robertson said. "Then I was in these coils and looking at this beast right in his eyes. He had green eyes. I wanted to get my gun, but it was nowhere near by."

Shrek was sitting in his van, facing the pond, about 50 yards away from the encounter. He was delivering 16 full-size mannequins from a warehouse in Southampton to a clothing store in East Hampton. He had stopped on County Road 39 in Southampton at Burger King for a Whopper Junior and fries, and had parked at Trout Pond to finish them off with a vanilla shake.

"It was just lucky for him I decided to take the back way through Sag Harbor," Shrek said from his home in Southampton. "I like to stop at Trout Pond at the overlook. I like Trout Pond."

Shrek said he saw exactly what happened. "There was this huge thing under the ice, it must have been 30 feet long, and it seemed to be shadowing the guy with the gun. He'd walk along and this thing would glide at the same speed, passing under him and just behind him so he couldn't see."

"But then the hunter stopped. He sees him. And this thing just kept going forward a few feet and then leaped up with a terrific bang, battering its head under the ice, I guess, and the ice just crashed upwards like it was an eggshell.

"The thing was hissing and spitting, and it just wrapped itself around the guy, counterclockwise, like in a spiral. The guy's gun went flying. I couldn't have that. I got out of the car and started out onto the ice, and then I thought of the mannequins. I ran back to the back of the van, opened it, and pulled one out—it was a female—and I ran out with it and threw it in the direction of this thing and yelled "HERE!" and it just leapt from the man to the mannequin in nothing flat and dragged it under. Just like that."

The hunter, dressed in a heavy camouflage jacket, fell to the ground unconscious. Shrek grabbed him under the armpit and dragged him across the ice and through the snow to his van, then lifted him up and bundled him in.

"I was scared this thing was going to come back and get him. Surely it'd be pissed when it figured out it got a mannequin. The guy was heavy—I have these burn marks on my forearms and hands from dragging him."

As the van's engine was on and the inside was heated and warm, Shrek sat Robertson up in the passenger's seat, ran off to somebody's house and rang the bell.

"I really should have a cell phone," Shrek said.

After a minute, he was let in by a couple, and he quickly called the police and an ambulance.

"We ran back to the van," Shrek said. "At least me and the man. The wife wouldn't come. Said she was scared. We found Robertson where I left him, shivering, not from the cold but from the shock. The ambulance came and took him away. There was no sign of the eel. I know eels. This was an eel. But a giant one. Usually eels won't bother you unless you bother them, but this one was different."

Southampton Town police examined the hole in the ice and confirmed that it had been broken from underneath by something. They also found some florescent green goo on the ice, which they scraped up and sent to the lab. They also put yellow crime scene tape around the pond. There will be no skating on Trout Pond until further notice.

Police say the incident reminds them of a series of events reported at length in *Dan's Papers* during the cold winter of 1998-9 when an eel, later identified as a 32-foot-long Giant Ecuadorian Eel, attacked and killed five people in the Hamptons by leaping up out of the ice and dragging them under.

Dr. Chuck McCarthy, from the Amphibian Department of the Suffolk Community College, says that this could be the same eel, except that he has been hibernating for four years.

"He'd be very hungry," McCarthy said.

Other experts scoffed at the idea that an eel, especially a Giant Ecuadorian, could hibernate for four years. Down in Ecuador, they don't hibernate at all. Sergeant Frank Clark of the County Police also doubts that it's the same one.

The eel from four years ago was killed in a giant underwater explosion that experts had set as a trap for him at Mill Pond in Water Mill, although the remains of that Giant Ecuadorian were never found.

In any case, residents are being advised to stay away from Trout Pond, and any other pond here, for that matter, on the East End.

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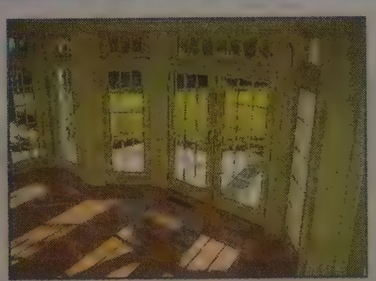
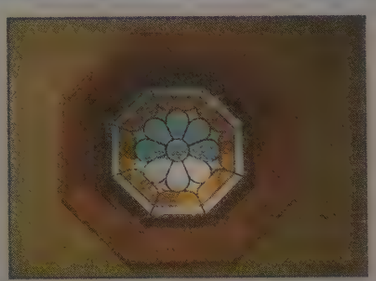

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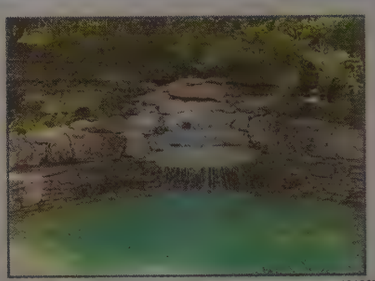

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THE HAMPTON SUBWAY NEWSLETTER

"Along with the New York Subway System, Hampton's Subway is the only underground transit system in the State of New York."

By Dan Rattiner

Week of February 27 – March 5, 2010
Riders this week: 6,131
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OUR COMMISSIONER, FILM STAR

The Commissioner, at his advanced age, is beginning a major career as a movie actor. When the producers of the smash hit, just released film *Bandits on the Roof* approached the Commissioner about allowing them to do a scene on a subway car between Quogue and Westhampton, he was quick to say yes. In the scene, masked men firing guns climbed through a ceiling hatch and down inside of one of the cars while it was traveling westbound between Quogue and Westhampton. The panic by the straphangers was real, because a sign warning people about the scene that had been put on the subway car door flew off before the scene began. But what nobody knew was that the lead masked burglar was in fact Commissioner Aspinall himself. "That masked bandit was a classic," wrote A. O. Scott in *The New York Times.* "That's the best portrayal of a masked bandit I have ever seen," wrote the critic for the *Hollywood Reporter.*

The offers have come flooding in. And the commissioner is off again, but this time it's to Hollywood and fame and fortune in tinsel town. We just hope his new career doesn't compromise his efforts with the running of the subway service.

COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

Commissioner Aspinall has resigned his post. The first show in his new career as a TV actor lined up by his agent was for a featured part, starring the Commissioner, in the newest episode of "Undercover Boss." He spent a day on the maintenance crew of the system, and though he "learned a lot," he said afterwards, he had no idea that he was so loathed and hated by the employees of the company.

"When this segment aired last night, I was embarrassed to my very core. I am resigning to rethink my options. My Golden Parachute will be deployed just as soon as I can get it open."

The vice-President of the system, Biff Aspinall, is currently in charge. There is a search committed out for a new commissioner. But mostly, everybody just wants to see the commissioner come back to his post. Apparently he will consider it for a lump sum of money and an apology.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new marketing director for Hampton Subway. A man with many years of service with FEMA and before that with the New York City school system when it occupied that old Victorian structure in Brooklyn, Pete Bashington has lots of experience, rising from Sanitation Associate to Associate Chief Sanitation Associate in charge of all the other Sanitation Associates' problems at FEMA in just seven years.

We expect lots from him. His first advertising campaign, which will begin in *Dan's Papers* in two weeks, will be his "No Straphanger Left Behind" effort, which was inspired, he says by the "No Child Left Behind" campaign that he administered as Assistant Marketing Director of the New York City School System before becoming the Chief Sanitation Associate of FEMA.

We wish him the best.

Ah, Being on a beach in the Islands is great in the winter. Do you think you'll find a place in the Hamptons for the Summer?
Well, I already found a summer rental near Main Beach in East Hampton through EastEndHomeFinder.com! They had Thousands of listings!
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The wait might be as long as 25 minutes. People can have some of the hot soup from Cittanuova while waiting, or they can sample from a tray of cookies or candies.

"We don't accept prepared foods except from a restaurant or caterer where they have food handler licenses."

The food pantry is also open to any of the seniors living at Windmill Village. It is open Tuesday from 2 to 6.

"The Lions Club is giving us venison professionally butchered into ground meat in three pound bags—a lot of fishermen filet excess fish and give it to us frozen. We get chickens. It all goes."

The food pantry is inspected by Island Harvest, Long Island Cares and the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets.

Here is a partial list of locations and addresses of some of the food pantries in our community. Montauk's food pantry is at St. Therese of Lisieux Church; it is open the third Tuesday of the month between 7 and 8:30 p.m. Springs Community Food Pantry is at the Springs Presbyterian Church and is open Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Wainscott Food Pantry is at the Living Water Full Gospel Church on Industrial Road on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., but you can only go once a month. Sag Harbor Food Community Pantry is at Old Whalers Church; the phone number is 631-725-4237. It is believed to be open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, but you better check.

Calling one food pantry will lead you to the name address and phone number of another.

There are also homeless people in the Hamptons; the different churches and synagogues offer shelter for them on a rotating basis. Fliers are put out and people can be picked up. It mostly operates by word of mouth.

This winter is the worst of the problem as the economy is slowly beginning to pick up. It is one thing for you personally to get through this time and go about your daily life, but you need to know that there are homeless and hungry people here, too, and what is being done about it.

You should feel free to donate whatever you can to a food pantry. Call up one of them to learn how. The East Hampton Food Pantry phone number is 631-324-7195.

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year on the fingers of both hands.

As for his anti-housing bias commission that he so boldly invited Shaniqua to so she could complain, they have, in the past year, received just one complaint, and it was not by anybody with that name.

Incidentally, I am told there were several people by the name of Shaniqua who were upset to be included in his comments about his anti-bias commission. "What's that got to do with me?" they wondered. "How did he know about ME?"

Maybe that school that Tiger Woods goes to has a subsidiary that deals with the slip-of-the-mouth sort of stuff that Levy can't seem to control. If there is, Levy should knock on their front door and give himself up.

ESTATE OF MIND
Real Estate Rants and Rumblings

What Will $39.5 Million Get You?

By T.J. Clemente

With the economic turmoil of 2009 now in the rearview mirror (at least for the very wealthy), the movement of the highest-end homes in the Hamptons has once again resumed. What influences the selection, in addition to the old adage, "Location, location, location," are amenities.

This past weekend I had the opportunity to view the highest priced home for sale in East Hampton that is listed on *Dan's Papers* website, eastendhomefinder.com. The almost two-acre Georgica Pond property on North Briarpatch Road features a lovely 12,000-sf, $39.5 million home. A creation of "Estates by Jeffrey Colle," this restored 100-year-old home is not quite what one would expect—in other words, no bowling alleys, no movie theater, no grass tennis courts. In fact, Robin Leach would have had a hard time doing a "Homes of the Rich and Famous" about this property, because what Colle has created is something else—something based on his 30 years of exclusive experience working on projects for the select few.

Peter Turino, President of Brown Harris Stevens of the Hamptons, showed me the home. The design is centered around a "great room," essentially the heart of the home, boasting a 30-ft.-high ceiling with matching fireplaces facing north and south, in the style of an authentic, Louis XV (18th-century) French chateau. The west exposure of the great room, which faces

Elizabeth Dooley

Georgica Pond, is a 30-ft high wall of leaded windows with antique resolution glass—a feature that will certainly amplify every sunset over the 203-ft. long pond frontage. The French custom parquet, hand-pegged wooden floor is in itself a massive work of art. For this room to face west, the entire house was actually moved 90 degrees.

The second floor has a walkway and wooden railing, crafted by a violin maker, that creates a bird's eye view of the great room. Colle traveled across southern France numerous times to collect the fine woods, floor tiles, doorknobs, fireplaces and other items. The marble bathtubs, from Verona, as well as counters and tiles were carved from a single block of stone, old world style, in a craft that's almost extinct. The home's library is paneled with extinct black walnut, purchased from a cache saved from the 1900s.

The kitchen, on the north end of the home, is designed for meal prep and as a gathering area, featuring the latest, high-end appliances poised for amazing summer parties or quiet summer nights. The kitchen has open-door decks and windows facing west to the pond. There is a separate catering kitchen.

Both on the north and south end of the home are outdoor fireplaces. The home itself is situated next to a 17-acre nature preserve, with proximity to the former residence of America's leading home style maven, but you can only see that home in the distance, during winter.

Colle used Turkish limestone for the outdoor terrace, which has a 25 x 45-ft infinity edge pool and spa. The underground three-car garage could house three limos. The 1,800-sf. guest cottage (two BR, one full bathroom), is a work of art with more of the traditional Stanford White lines than you see in the main house. (In case you're curious, the combined 2008 Village and Town of East Hampton annual taxes for the property are $95,085.)

Colle explained that this home represents his knowledge of the finest, custom-crafted items by European artisans. His vision was to create a Hamptons retreat for someone to enjoy the security and warmth of the solid building practices of the great residences of Europe.

Walking around the out-of-reach property for most, I took measure that I was actually viewing a future home for someone, somebody very fortunate.

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TwentysomeThing... By David Lion Rattiner

Reality TV and The Olympics

When Paris Hilton had her reality TV show, it felt like all girls in America tried extra hard to be idiots, selfish and conceited. This was back when most people didn't understand that reality TV is staged and that the stars are aspiring actors. We now know that Paris Hilton is one very ambitious woman who successfully turned an image of a dumb blonde into a lot of money.

But reality TV didn't stop with her. It has grown into its own industry, with shows about becoming a professional singer and shows about guys who cheat on their girlfriends. The most recent one, "The Jersey Shore," broke through to mainstream pop culture, literally, after a guy violently punched a girl in the face on camera.

Combine this bombardment of America broadcasting idiocy and no morals, mix in a no-end-in sight war, and then add in a pinch of Bernie Madoff, and it seems like the PR firm that's running the "America" account is being run by the guys in the reality show, "Tool Academy."

That said, reality shows serve a huge purpose, and that is that they have made our dominance in the Olympics that much sweeter.

You just can't ignore the young athletes from America and what they've accomplished this year. All of the sports that require serious training, challenge and skill have an American medal attached. None of our athletes have been able to be touched and yes, these are the athletes who we all thought were from the same tribe as "The Real World" and "American Idol."

During the last summer Olympics, many of the athletes were older, and Michael Phelps started to feel like a stoner and perhaps just a little too genetically gifted.

But in this Olympics, young, reality TV-watching youth of America skied faster than anyone and ice-danced the crap out of Germany and Russia. Where has China been? You got a billion young athletes, right? You're a big rising super economy. But you can't find one in a billion who-can beat a young American at any legit sport?

Say all the negative things you want about American youth. Call snowboarders a bunch of potheads while they super-humanly fly through the air doing flips and twists that you could never even fathom doing. Insist that America's youth aren't leaders when it was they who mobilized, more so than any other generation prior, to be a deciding voting power that elected our current president.

"Oh but they play Xbox and watch reality TV so they must be dumb and irresponsible." Yeah, I guess you are right. In the meantime, American youth will continue to completely dominate the world stage at the Olympics while they spend too much time on the Internet.

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rail/bus transit service known as the East End Shuttle—a concept validated in a transportation study by The Volpe Center that concluded, "the entire Shuttle concept could operate for less than what we currently pay the MTA each year."

The problem is that the East End is in the jurisdiction of two New York City-based organizations—the MTA and the NYMTC, the gatekeeper for transportation project funding. The MTA operates the transit services in its jurisdiction, including the LIRR on the East End, which represents only 2% of their service population. "We have no clout," read the press release.

5TRT recommends removing the East End from under the thumb of the MTA by establishing a Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and a Regional Transit Authority (RTA). "Fred Thiele, Marc Alessi and Ken La Valle have filed legislation to establish the Peconic Bay Regional Transportation Authority (PBRTA) for this purpose," it stated, adding that Representative Tim Bishop's action is needed to acquire federal funds to establish a new system.

It would take extremely strong leadership in Albany to pull off transit independence. Resolution can't happen unless dynamic leadership can convince state lawmakers that this inequity is harmful to the entire state. But for now the MTA seems willing to discuss East End autonomy while taking the $520 million.

The MTA has set a public hearing at the County Center in Riverhead on March 8 on its proposed LIRR service cuts. The MTA will listen, be polite, and use great sound bites. But in the end, as my old Sag Harbor sailing buddy said, "Nobody in his right mind is going to sign away a cash flow of $520 million unless he has three guns pointed at his head."

The Sheltered Islander

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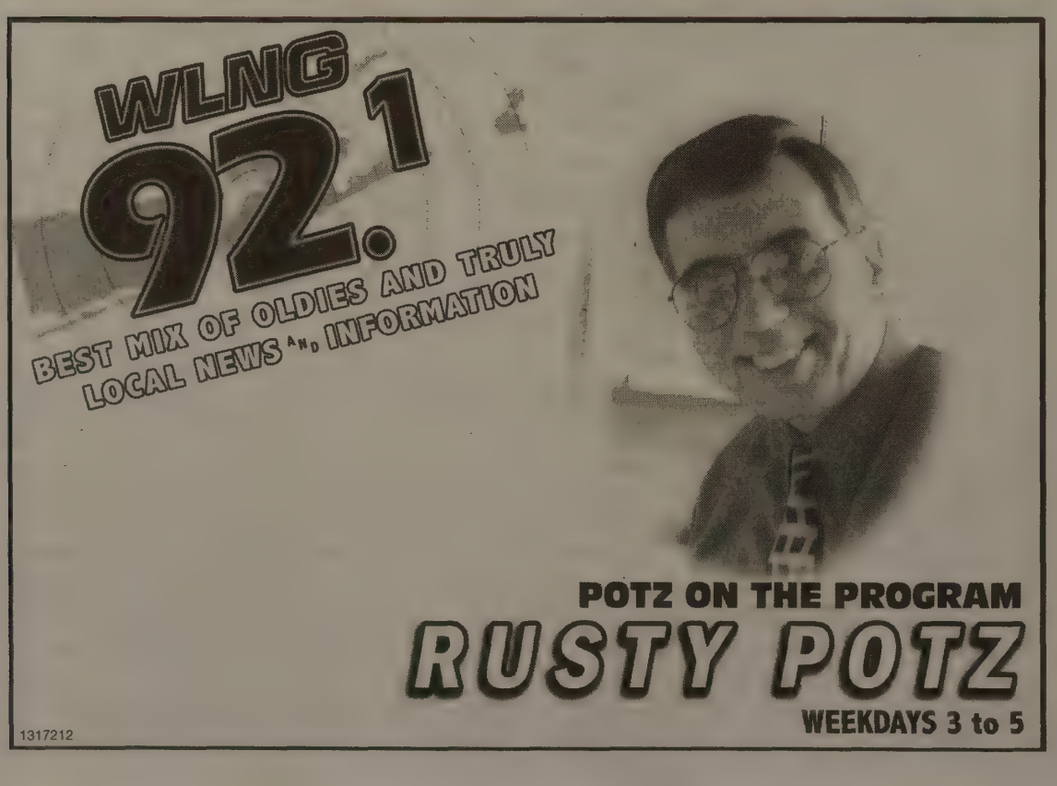

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elsewhere? C'mon out!

But now, a paper has been released that offers some explanation as to why, suddenly, everything has gotten colder again. (It's not just here in the Northeast, it's, on average, everywhere.) According to a report, released this week by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—yes, the NOAA, our weather service—there has been a marked and unexpected reduction in the amount of water vapor in the middle layer of the 3-layer atmosphere (troposphere, mesosphere and stratosphere) that surrounds our planet. The decrease of the water vapor in this part of the atmosphere has been 10%, and it has resulted in a lessening of global warming.

Water vapor has been increasing in all three layers for many, many years. The increase has been caused by industrial activity and the production of methane and CO2. Increased water vapor means an increase in the absorption of the sun's heat and its re-release as higher temperatures on the ground below. Why this decrease has taken place here in just the last two years is unknown. No matter how they model the earth, apparently, there is a lot changing in regard to temperature, El Nino, methane, water vapor and other things, making it so variable that it's can be beyond prediction.

"The change in the middle atmospheric water vapor level has slowed at the rate of Earth's warming by about 25 percent," said Susan Solomon of NOAA. "If the level remains lowered, we don't expect catastrophic levels of global warming until 2040," she told a reporter of *The New York Times* (see January 28). "But this doesn't alter the fundamental conclusion that the world has warmed and that most of that warming has to do with greenhouse and gas emissions caused by man," she continued.

If you read the subsequent comments that have been posted, mostly by scientists, you find a wide-ranging degree of frustration about what exactly we are dealing with here. There's a report that this happened once before in this part of the atmosphere, between 1960 and 1980. There are, it said, variables involving methane, cloud cover, solar flares and other things that are very, very difficult to predict. I read one argument between opposing scientists. One group espouses to "sit tight and wait and see," the other urges "immediate action now to protect from worst-case scenarios down the road."

The whole thing puts me in mind of the 1930s black-and-white classic movie, *War of the Worlds*, where, in spite of everything the human race tries to do to stop them, these chromed flying saucers with steel legs come marching up Wiltshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, clear winners in the war of the worlds. It's over. They are conquerors. And then, suddenly, the saucers stagger and in just one minute, fall over dead. They've died from assaults by normal earth bound biological organisms.

I, for one, will be sad if it turns out that this plateau in global warming is just a precursor to a return to the way things were 50 years ago.

I'm here, with all of you, in the temperate zone in the most modern and advanced society on this planet, and I look forward to tropical birds, sunshine, palm trees, swimming 10 months a year, mango and coconut trees, surfing competitions, bikinis and lots of summertime prosperity in this community all year round—well, almost. Maybe a little dip in temperature in January and February will do us some good. Get our memories jogging about the terrible weather we had before the good times came—and that little blip we had during 2009 and 2010 that finally passed.

I can hope, anyway.

Who's Here (cont'd from page 17)

seemed to wag, "Pick me! Pick me!"

Wiley wasn't shocked when Ch Déjà Vu Up Close & Personal was the first pick. "He's one handsome beast, especially considering his age," said Wiley of Déjà vu, who's well into doggie middle age. "I'm not one to be catty," she added, "but he has had 'work.'"

Déjà vu's "work" was the common practice of ear cropping. Most Briards opt for this canine facelift, but not Wiley, who was the only Briard out of 20 in the show with uncropped ears.

"The fact that they chose me was a break though," said Wiley, "It sends a strong message to young Briards that they don't need to be slaves to beauty, they can be who they are. Of course, if someone needs to do that, it's their choice. But as I get older, I won't have a problem letting myself go to the dogs."

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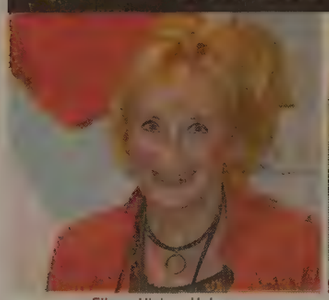

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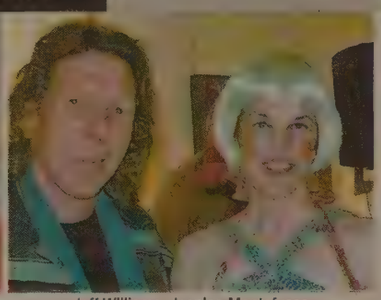

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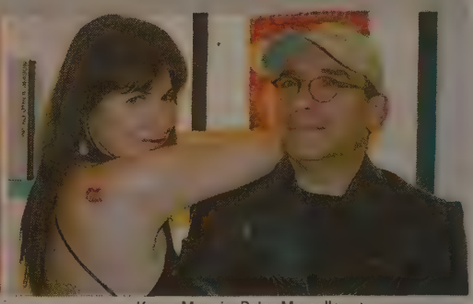

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"The Written Word" @ Ashawagh Hall

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Angela Lansbury Honored @ The Drama League Gala

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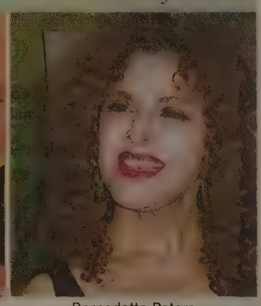

Bernadette Peters

"Body + Soul" @ Tulla Booth Gallery

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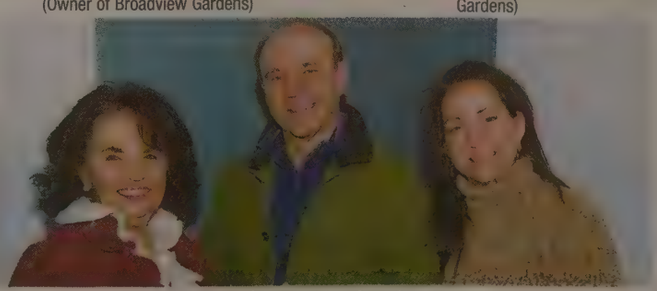


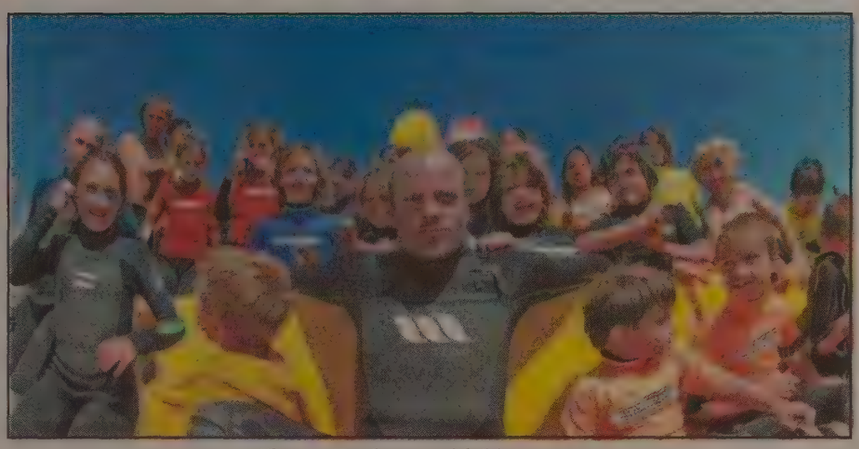
Carol Kroupa, Tom Isles, Carol Saporito

SUMMER CAMPS

Surfing Camp Teaches Water Safety and Fun

By David Lion Rattiner

Let's face it. Your little tot wants to learn how to surf and you have no idea how to do it. Surfing is not an easy sport to learn, and a real desire to do it is only half the battle. It requires swimming skills, ocean knowledge, ocean safety and a high degree of balance. Kids look up to surfers because they are well aware of how hard it is and in the Hamptons, there is no cooler thing for a young kid to do. Maybe that's why Shane Dyckman of Flying Point Surf School, seems to have so much fun with his campers teaching them surfing, or perhaps it's because it is just so much fun to do and is so incredibly healthy of an activity for kids.



Shayne Dyckman with his campers.

Flying Point Surf School in Southampton is directed by Shane Dyckman, and is known for its friendly, laid-back approach to surfing. Not only can kids there learn how to master a demanding sport, but friendships are built and lasting connections are made. We have yet to hear of an unhappy customer at this surfing camp, which teaches kids everything there is to know about the sport in an extremely safe and enjoyable setting.

The camp runs Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon with private lessons offered in the afternoons and on weekends, but as Dyckman points out, it isn't just about learning how to ride a wave. Dyckman is a former Ponquogue lifeguard and has a vested interest in teaching kids about water safety, while they also have fun in the ocean. "We're teaching these kids something that they learn for their whole lives; it's not just about riding waves, we're teaching them how to be safe in the ocean. If anything comes up in their lives in the future in the water they'll make it in. We're really teaching them something valuable."

The truth about surfing is that if your kids learn the sport, you will never have to worry about them being in the ocean ever again. Surfers truly learn how to respect and work with the ocean. They learn how to master swimming techniques, balance, and of course, having a great time.

If you're in the Hampton's and want to learn to surf, stand-up paddle or kayak, there is one great place to go for summer camp fun and that place is "Flying Point Surf School" at 65 Main street, Southampton. Owner and surf school director Shane Dyckman is the real deal and has 25 years of experience, including a stint as a Southampton town ocean lifeguard and a passion for surfing.

On top of this, Shane and all of his instructors are also First Aid/CPR certified. Within just a few minutes of being around Dyckman, you can tell how passionate he is about surfing, the local area, and teaching kids to have fun while surfing or swimming in the ocean.

If you'd like to check out Flying Point Surf School they are located at 65 Main Street, Southampton. You can also call them directly at 516-885-6607.

Cowabunga!

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So You Want To Go To Summer Camp?

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FLYING POINT SURF SCHOOL – If you are in the Hampton's and want your kid to learn how to surf, stand up paddle, or kayak, then this may be for you. Shane Dyckman, a veteran surfer and an ocean lifeguard certified swimmer teaches a camp Monday through Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon with private lessons offered on weekends. The camp teaches kids water safety and ocean safety. Shane and all of his instructors are first aid/CPR certified. Located at 65 Main Street, Southampton. 516-885-6607.

FUTURE STARS SPORTS CAMPS - For ages 4-16. June 14-August 28. Weekly sessions. Tennis camp in Southampton, Westhampton Beach and East Hampton. Soccer, baseball, squash, basketball and multi-sports camp at Southampton Recreation Center and golf & tennis camp at Pine Hills Country Club in Manorville. Call 631-287-6707. www.Fscamps.com.

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HAMPTON COUNTRY DAY CAMP – "What a day camp was always meant to be." Ages 3-10. Brand

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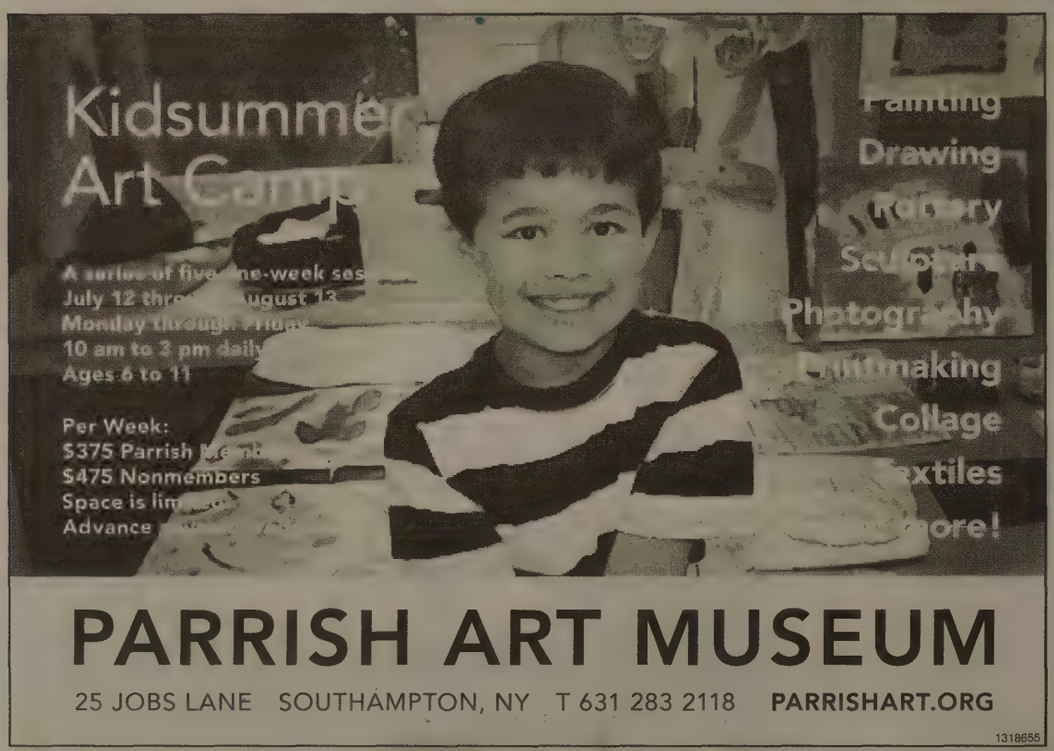

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Teaching Life Skills and Having Fun at Theatre Camp

By David Lion Rattiner

The Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center is one of the most respected and beautiful theaters in the country. Top performers travel from all over the world, including household names, to take the stage and enjoy the modern facilities it offers in a wonderful country setting.

It is here that you can bring your child to learn the art of acting and performing, a skill that will last a lifetime, in a friend-making summer camp that is off-the-charts fun for kids.

The Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center's Nancy and Frederick DeMatteis Arts Education Program will be offering several different performing arts camps for children of all ages this summer, and of course, there are some fun new things to be excited about this year.

Brand new this summer is Camp Broadway (August 9 through 13, ages 11 to 18), a musical theater boot camp coming exclusively straight from the Great White Way to the WHBPAC. Young people with a passion for all things Broadway will learn singing, choreography, acting and more from working professionals, all the while preparing a performance featuring a popular musical for family and friends.

A camp princess

For younger children, the WHBPAC gives kids their own chance to explore Broadway both onstage and behind the scenes in another new one-week program: Broadway by the Beach: Monsters, Mermaids and Magic (August 2 through 6, ages 8 to 10). This program offers not just excitement, but a great deal of training that will last a lifetime for children. Mornings will include a music and choreography session, while afternoons will be dedicated to workshops in costume design, set design and more. All of this, of course, is set to the background of this incredible theater.

In addition to these Broadway programs, the Center will also be offering three Musical Theatre Camps with Missoula Children's Theatre (ages 6 to 16). Children will learn teamwork in a warm and nurturing environment as they hurtle toward an evening performance of a musical tale, complete with costumes and sets. This summer's titles include: *The Frog Prince* (July 5 - 9), *The Wizard of Oz* (July 26 - 30), and *Little Red Riding Hood* (August 16 - 20).

WHBPAC is also offering an innovative and social theater program in the evenings for serious teen actors known as the Teen Theatre Troupe (July 5 through August 5, ages 12 and up) that explores acting techniques and scene-study three nights a week for five weeks, culminating in a performance of short plays.

And still there is more. Keeping up with last years success, the WHBPAC welcomes back Shakespeare's Players (July 12 through 16, Ages 8 to 14), who will be introducing campers to the magic, romance and swordfights of *Romeo and Juliet*. Participants will perform an adaptation of the epic play, and will create their own masterpiece sonnets. For younger campers, Play Parties and Parlor Games (July 19 through 23, ages 5 to 6) are back as a full-week camp. Each day of this early childhood music program features a different theme, (think cowboys and cowgirls, pirates and princesses) so that children and their parents can dress up and have fun.

Young musicians will also get the chance to learn music composition from prominent composer Matthew Greenbaum in the program entitled "Composing for Solo Instrument" (July 19 through 23, ages 11 and up). This week-long residency encourages participants to break out of the practice mold and actually create music. All student compositions will be performed by a special guest artist at an end-of-week recital.

And if dancing is your child's thing, WHBPAC is offering that too. The Center welcomes back DanceCore (August 23 through 27, ages 5 to 16), a program that offers daily graded ballet classes in addition to rehearsals of an original ballet. The young dancers will work towards a Friday evening performance where they will dance alongside working New York professionals in a delightful production of *Snow White*.

For more information regarding summer programs call Julienne Penza at 631-288-2350, ext. 114 or visit whbpac.org.

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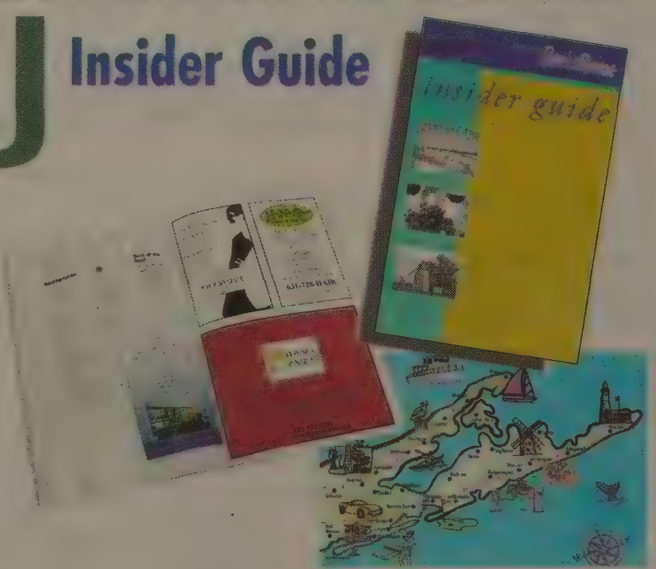

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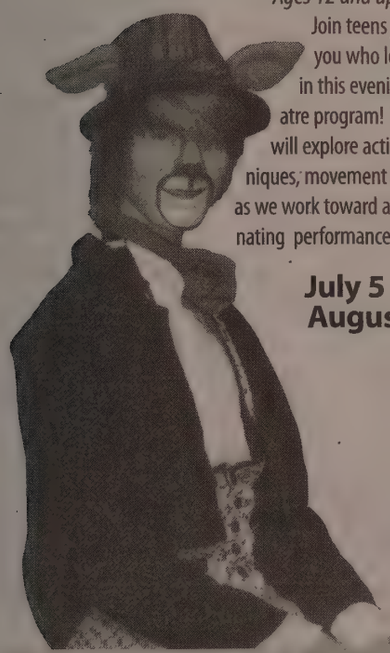
August 2 – 6

Teen Theatre Troupe

Ages 12 and up



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July 5 – August 5

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Ages 6 - 16

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July 5 – 9:	**The Frog Prince**
July 26 – 30:	**The Wizard of Oz**
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Shakespeare's Players: Romeo and Juliet

Ages 8 – 14

Looking to be part of the Shakespearean world? Swordfights and costume balls! Stolen moments and ancient hatreds! It's all here in this camp, where participants will be introduced to and perform the Bard's epic romance!

July 12 - 16

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– Emma, age 11

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– Parent

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- Parent

Play Parties and Parlor Games

Ages 3 – 4 (morning session), *5 – 6* (afternoon session)

Come join us for this popular early childhood music program! Each day is themed; from Pirates to Princesses, from the Old West to the Land of Oz, this nurturing camp is sure to delight the little one in your life!

July 19 - 23

Composing for Solo Instrument

Ages 11 and up

This exciting residency gives serious young musicians the opportunity to learn how to write music with a prominent, working composer. All student compositions are performed in a recital by a renowned guest artist at the end of the week!

July 19 - 23

DanceCore: Snow White

Ages 5 – 16

Gotta dance? Young dancers will participate in graded ballet classes and rehearsals of an original ballet. The program culminates in an evening performance of Snow White, when young dancers will share the stage with professionals!

August 23 - 27

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SUMMER CAMPS

Camps (continued from page 26)

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KIDSTAGE - July and August, ages 3-16. Let your children experience the possibilities! Week-long theatre, Shakespeare, music and dance camps. Located at the Westhampton Beach Performing Art Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-2350, ext. 114, or visit www.whbpac.org.

KIDSUMMER ART CAMP - Ages 6-11. Five 1-week sessions featuring painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, printmaking and textiles, plus day trips, performances and outdoor activities. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located at the Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2118, ext. 30 or visit www.parrishart.org.

KINDERCAMP AT THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL - June 28 to August 20. Summer camp program for kids ages 3-5. Creative Campers for 5 to 8 year olds. Fall program for 2 year olds, nursery for 3 year olds and pre-kindergarten for 4 and 5 year olds. The best summer experience on the East End, from bugs and sea creatures to local artists and farm life. Located at Stony Brook Southampton, 239 Montauk Highway, Southampton. Call 631-632-8000.

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MYSTIC SEAPORT OVERNIGHT SUMMER SAILING CAMP - Girls and boys ages 10-15 can stay aboard the Joseph Conrad to learn about sailing. Choose from four different camps depending on your child's age and experience. Enrollment limited to 40 for each session. Located in Mystic, Connecticut. Call 860-572-5322 for more information.

KIDSUMMER ART CAMP – At the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton. Kids enjoy painting, drawing, pottery, sculpture, photography, printmaking, collage, textiles and more. For kids ages 6 to 11. 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2118.

PECONIC DUNES - Located on the beautiful North Fork of Long Island, Peconic Dunes is the perfect setting for learning about our Island's bountiful natural resources while enjoying the great outdoors. The camp is a part of the Suffolk County park system and is operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County. Call 631-727-7850.

SOUND LEARNING AT STONY BROOK SCHOOL - July 20-August 2. 6-10th grades. Residential Academic Program with a focus on writing and electives in visual arts, theater arts, robotics, and marine biology. Each day ends with a sunset sail. Located at 1 Chapman Parkway, Stony Brook. Call 631-751-1800, ext. 595.

STONY HILL STABLES - Offering a Pony Camp, Junior Horse Camp, Horse Camp, Short Stirrup Camp and Advanced Jumping Camp throughout the summer. Located on Town Lane in Amagansett. Call 631-267-3203 or go to www.stonyhillstables.net.

TEEN HAMPTON - Will feature an elective-based program that offers teens the opportunity to customize their summer experience on a daily basis. TEEN HAMPTON's flexible scheduling gives teens the chance to participate in activities ranging from tennis to music, fitness to fashion design, skateboarding to photography, cooking to videography, basketball to swim, dance to academic enrichment and more. TEEN HAMPTON's unique program is complemented by an assortment of option excursions including deep sea fishing, sailing, waterskiing, hiking, and surfing. 516-953-5171, e-mail fun@teenhamptonsummer.com.

WINDSOR MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL - Located in Windsor, New Hampshire, campers from 29 different countries are represented. Activities include sports, theatre, arts and crafts, festivals, music and outdoor adventure activities. They also have an American Sign Language program. Call 603-478-3166 or go to www.windsormountain.org.

NANCY AND FREDERICK DEMATTEIS ARTS EDUCATION – Several different performing arts camps for children of all ages at the West Hampton Beach Performing Arts Center. Programs include, Camp Broadway, Broadway by the Beach: Monsters, Mermaids and Magic and Musical Theatre Camp with Missoula Children's Theatre. For more information about these summer programs contact Julienne Penza at 631-288-2350.

WORLD TRAVELERS – The magical and imaginative "travel" program for children ages 4 to 7 (flexible about age). Travel programs with songs, stories, games, puppetry, dress-up and arts and crafts. Little Travelers "visit" a circus, farm, zoo, pet store and more. World Travelers "travel" internationally. Located at 160 Main Street, Southampton from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for 6 weeks, July 6 to August 12. Call 917-538-5049. E-mail info@theworldtravelers.com.

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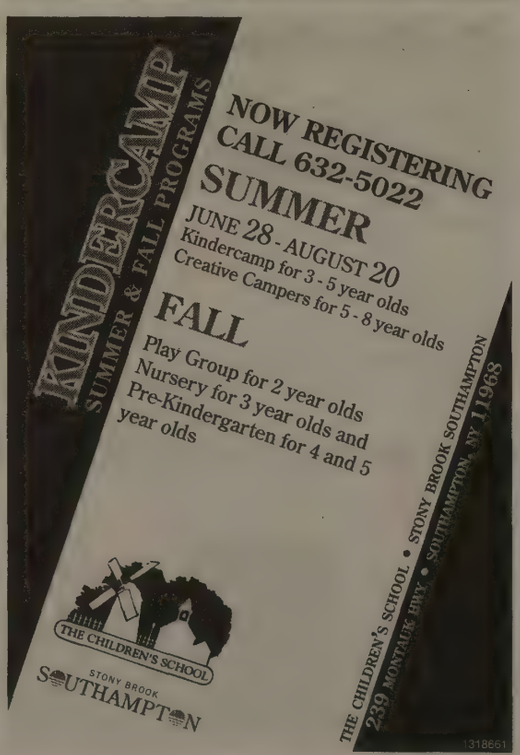
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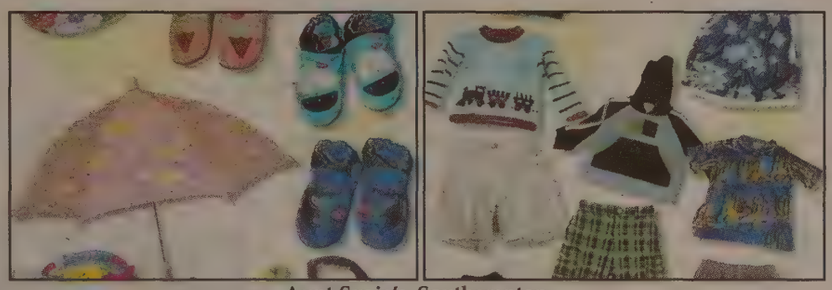
Life Style

Shop 'til You Drop... With Maria Tennariello

Time flies when you're having fun! According to the calendar, spring is really just around the corner. Hopefully, as the weather warms, the shops will be gearing their inventory toward warm weather merchandise. In the meantime, let's check out a few winter sales and deals that are already in progress—let's shop!



Aunt Suzie's, Southampton

Amy's Ark Studio & Farm, located at 10 Hollow Lane in Westhampton, has just put together the new winter schedule for yoga, meditation, stress reduction, art, sketch, Kundalini yoga, photography, and much more. The classes are for all— from kids to seniors—and run seven days a week. Call 631-902-3655 for the complete schedule and other information.

At Fandango Boutique, at 48A West Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays, find beautiful specialties that include unique clothing for work or play, handcrafted jewelry, stylish hats, scarves, sarongs, beach bags and fun accessories for women of all sizes and ages. There is a sale in progress through February 28—all merchandise is 20% off. You will love this shop; the customer service is a plus, giving special attention to everyone. Call 631-728-3704 for more information, or visit fnadangoboutique.com.

If you are looking for a great Winter Clearance Sale for children, look no further than **Aunt Suzie's** on Hampton Road in Southampton. The winter wear prices on children's clothing range from 50% to 75% off regular prices. With spring merchandise arriving daily, and Easter right around the corner, shop early for that special Easter outfit. The baby department is fully stocked with everything you need for mom and dad, organic clothing and blankets, toys, christening outfits, and communion wear; the very popular Kai Run shoes for boys and girls in sizes 2-9 are also in the mix. If you're leaving on a jet plane, the new swimsuit line has arrived just in time for you to pack, go and swim!

Anana's Hair Spa, at 71 Hill Street in Southampton, has just welcomed Tina Landi, a new licensed hair artist from New York City, to the staff. There are some "Hair Spa March Specials" on women's and men's haircuts, as well as special treatments on any hair service including color and partial highlights. Call 631-287-9099 for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

The good news is that the **Birthright's Red Barn Thrift Shoppe,** at 675B North Sea Road in Southampton, is ready to go with their "sign-of-the-time serious sale. New inventory, lower prices and older inventory are available at clearance sale prices. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, staffed only by volunteers; donations are accepted on Tuesdays by appointment. Call 631-287-6456 for information.

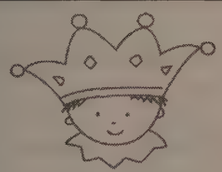
The **Bridgehampton Pharmacy** on Main Street in Bridgehampton has everything you need and more! I was out of two of my favorite products, Hampton Sun and Fruits & Passion, and low and behold, I found both of them there. The list of products in stock here are endless, and I'm sure your favorite is on the shelf, also. The pharmacy also sells greeting cards and token gifts and provides outstanding, personal service for filling prescriptions; the staff as a whole is very friendly and always willing to answer all your questions with a smile. Ditto for the sister **East Hampton Pharmacy**, on North Main Street. Call the Bridgehampton and East Hampton Pharmacies at 631-537-8884 and 631-324-3887 for information.

The Outdoor Store, at 171 Main Street in Amagansett, is having a winter sale, with 50% discounts throughout the store. It is packed with great merchandise for everyone, so now is the time to get on that snowmobile and get shopping here. Call 631-267-3620 for information.

Think about getting your home in order for the spring/summer season early this year. Check out the professional workroom **Verduno Collection** of unique, contemporary home accessories in Sag Harbor that does custom work, measures and installs in bedding, drapes, Roman shades, lighting, decorative pillows, occasionals, and upholstery. Also on the menu are fabrics, hand-tufted area rugs, throws, and even sleeping mats for your favorite pooch. Call 631-899-3190 for information, or visit

Until next week. Ciao, and happy winter shopping!

If you have questions, or your shop is having sales and/or new inventory and you want my readers to hear about it, e-mail me at shoptil@danspapers.com. I will be happy to get the word out.



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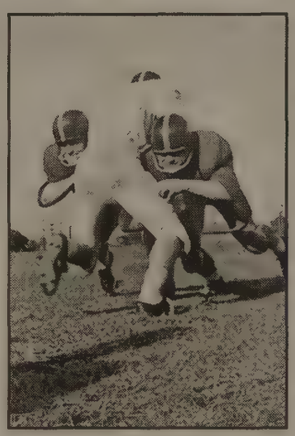
Err, A parent By Susan Galardi

Civics Lessons in Black & White

You've got to be taught to be afraid
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,
And people whose skin is a diff'rent shade,
You've got to be taught before it's too late,
Before you are six or seven or eight,
To hate all the people your relatives hate,
You've got to be carefully taught!
– "You've Got to be Carefully Taught"
from *South Pacific*

With February being Black History Month, our son has been taught – about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., and many other black Americans who fought the odds to achieve much. He's astounded that "people with brown skin" had to drink from different fountains, eat at different restaurants and go to different schools, if they could go to school at all. It was his first exposure to the concept. And when he told us about these examples, he asked, "But why couldn't they eat at the same places?" Because some people are frightened by things that are different. Some people are threatened by change. Some people want everyone to be just like them. Fortunately, our son was taught about prejudice in a positive, "Look how far we've come" way to be sure, not in a bigoted "us vs. them" way.

Like many typical American families, ours is a patchwork of many races, colors and creeds. Our son has two sibling cousins in California – the six-year-old is blonde haired and blue eyed; her recently adopted four-year-old brother has "brown skin." Our son has a biracial cousin in Alabama, a Jewish half-brother in L.A. He himself is part Jewish; while my partner is a humanist and my religious education was Catholic.



But our son has been very aware of color – it's how he identifies people. When he talked about someone at school and described him, he'd tell us the color of his hair or the color of his shirt. He knew the color of every students' and teacher's eyes. Once he ran up to his nursery school teacher and yelled, "Miss S! You're wearing blue! You always wear pink!" She confirmed that he was right. And although his classmates came in just about every shade, he never identified them by their skin color.

So imagine my surprise a few weeks ago when we were watching the Superbowl, and groups of Saints players were introduced on screen, he asked, "Why do so many of the football players have brown skin?"

I thought for a moment, and then I said, "I don't know." He was satisfied with the answer. But I was thrown off, as a lifetime of socio-political gobble-de-gook went through my head. Then the Colts were introduced and seemed to be largely Caucasian. I said, "You know, it seems like there are a lot of people with brown skin on that team. This team has people mostly with white skin. All the players are the very best athletes in the world."

That was a good enough answer for him, but I was still taken aback. This was also the first time he identified someone by the color of his skin.

But he has been taught. I'm not saying we should avoid teaching history. In fact I'm glad that his first exposure to racism was from an historic perspective – a novelty from the past like manual typewriters and phones with big numbers on circular dials. Our son is growing up with extended family members who are of a different race, as he watches a black man lead our country. It's damn near impossible to teach a child "to be afraid, Of ... people whose skin is a diff'rent shade," when he's sitting with them at the Christmas dinner table.

The American family has changed, and from the White House to church altars, where biracial families are welcomed (and legal), integration is an afterthought for children of this generation – children who aren't, as we were in the '50s and '60s, watching the world in black and white, but experiencing it in living color.

Kid's Calendar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

KIDS KNEAD CHALLAH –Challah bread-making, songs, Kiddush juice-making, and grand children's raffle. Free, no affiliation necessary. 5:30 p.m. Located at Chabad of Southampton, 214 Hill St. Phone: 631-287-2249.

MONTAUK PLAYHOUSE – Youth program for grades 9 through 12 at the Montauk Playhouse. 7 to 9 p.m., located at 240 Edgemere Street, Mtk. Phone: 631-668-1124.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

EASTERN TIGER SALAMANDER SEARCH – 7:30 p.m. Herpetologist and SoFo President Andy Sabin will take us into the nighttime woods in search of the largest of our native salamanders. Please bring a flashlight and wear boots. This walk is dependent on the occurrence of heavy rains. For more information call 631-537-9735.

KIDS KARAOKE – 5 to 7 p.m., Regulars Music Café. Located at 1271 North Sea Road in Southampton. For more info., call 631-287-2900.

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WATER COLOR WORKSHOP AT THE HAMPTON LIBRARY - Join Jean Mahoney, a local artist and author, who will teach the techniques of working with water colors at 2:30 p.m. The Hampton Library, Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015.

FAMILY MOVIE AT THE SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY – Family movie at 1 p.m. called "Sticks and Stones" rated PG13, 90 minutes. At the Shelter Island Library, 37 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island, 631-749-0042.

ROBOT MAKING AT THE GOLDEN EAGLE – Children's class about robot making for kids ages 6 to 12. Located at 14 Gingerbread Lane in East Hampton. For more information call 631-324-0603.

GOAT ON A BOAT – "How The Earth Got Its Color" performance. Show at 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. at the Goat on a Boat Theater in Sag Harbor. Call Liz Joyce at 631-725-4193.

LIL COWPOKES PONY CLUB – Learn about animals and how to ride a pony. Taking place from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 3 and up at Amaryllis Farm Equine Rescue, located at 93 Merchants Path in Southampton. Phone: 631-537-7335.

MONTAUK PLAYHOUSE – Skills and drills basketball. Taking place from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for children grades K-1; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children grades 2-3. Youth sports night will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for kids grades 3 and 4; and 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for kids grades 5 to 8. Located at 240 Edgemere St. in Montauk. Phone: 631-668-1124.

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE ROSS SCHOOL – Ages 6 to 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pizza, popcorn and refreshments served. $25 per child. 18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. 631-907-5162.

THE VELVETTEN RABBIT – Family friendly movie at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 11 a.m. Tickets are $20 and $15. Main Street, Westhampton. 631-288-1500.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

PETTING FARM AT AMARYLLIS SANCTUARY –Love animals? Especially rescued ones? Visit Octaveous and Sir Lancelot, the potbelly piggies; Binky the mini burro, and others! From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 93 Merchants Path, off Sagg Road in Sagaponack. Entrance fee is $5. For more info., call 631-537-7335.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

AFTER SCHOOL TODDLER PROGRAMS – Sponsored by The Parrish Art Museum. Registration required: call 631-283-2118, ext. 30 to register. Located at 25 Jobs Lane in Southampton.

STORYTIMES

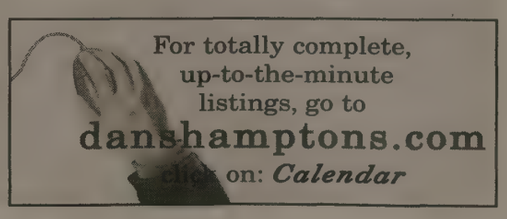
HAMPTON LIBRARY– On Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., stories and music-making for kids ages 4 to 7. Stories, rhymes and songs on Tues., Thurs., and Sat. from 10 a.m., for kids ages 6 months to 3. Registration required. Located on Main Street in Bridgehampton. For more info., call 631-537-0015.

JOHN JERMAIN LIBRARY – Thurs. at 10:30 a.m. Located at Main Street in Sag Harbor. Phone: 631-725-0049.

ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY – After-school stories on Tues. at 4:30 p.m. for kids grades K through 2. Lap-time on Thurs. at 11:15 a.m. for 18 to 36 month-old-infants. Fri. songs/stories for kids ages 1 month and up at 11:15 a.m.; Mon., Mother Goose program for 1-17-month-olds, 10:30 a.m. Located at 91 Coopers Farm Rd in Southampton. Phone: 631-287-6539.

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY – Saturdays at 10 a.m., located 215 Main Street, Amagansett. Phone: 631-267-3810.

Please send all event listings for the kids' calendar to events@danspapers.com by Friday at noon.



Food/Dining

Simple Art of Cooking Silvia Lehrer

French onion soup has to be an all time favorite – picture the soup in a rustic terra cotta bowl brimming over with a crown of crusty melted Gruyére cheese clinging to the rim of the bowl over a rich brown liquid chock full of caramelized onions. My mouth waters at the thought.

I recently played around with a crusted hash brown potato cake coated with a layer of sour cream and topped with a generous sprinkling of grated Gruyére cheese, and fell in love. These recipes are not related in any way other that they are both topped with that grand cheese, Gruyére.

Right here in Bridgehampton, Art Ludlow of Mecox Bay Dairy makes cows milk cheeses. From earliest times cheese has been made in stock-rearing countries to use up surplus milk. Well this is exactly what turned Ludlow into a professional cheese maker. The milk comes from the Dairy's own small herd of Jersey cows. Gruyére is one of several innovative cheeses being made at Mecox Bay Dairy. The Gruyére is full flavored, sweet and nutty and so perfectly suited to the rich onion soup and delectable potato cake. The Gruyére is available locally at Lucy's Whey in East Hampton, Schiavoni and Citarella stores on the East End.

FRENCH ONION SOUP GRATINÉE

Who else would I turn to but to Julia Child for "one of the all-time favorites?"

Serves 6

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon light olive oil
8 cups thinly sliced onions (2 1/2 pounds)
1/2 teaspoon each kosher salt and granulated sugar
2 tablespoons flour
2 1/2 quarts beef stock, preferably homemade, heat 2 cups ahead
4 to 5 tablespoons Cognac or other good brandy
1 cup dry white French vermouth
6 sturdy French bread slices, toasted
3 cups grated Gruyére cheese

1. Set a heavy-bottomed 3-quart saucepan with cover over moderate heat with the butter and oil. When the butter has melted, stir in the onions, cover the pan, and cook slowly until tender and translucent, about 10 minutes.

2. Blend in the salt and sugar, raise heat to moderately high, and let the onions brown, stirring frequently until they are a dark walnut color, 25 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle in the flour, and cook slowly, stirring for another 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat then cool a moment, then whisk in 2 cups hot stock. When well blended bring to the simmer, adding the remaining stock, the Cognac or brandy, and the vermouth. Cover loosely and simmer very slowly for 1 1/2 hours, adding a little water if the liquid reduces too much. May be prepared advance, refrigerate covered.

3. Bring soup to room temperature if refrigerated and divide into 6 oven-proof bowls. Top each bowl with a bread slice and a thick coating of grated cheese, equally divided, covering the rim. Place bowls on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated 425 degree oven until cheese is crusty and bubbly.

Adapted from Julia Child's *The Way to Cook*, Knopf, 1989

Julia's Onion Soup and Hash Browns

HASH BROWN POTATO CAKE WITH GRATED GRUYÉRE

Not your usual hash browns!

Serves 4 to 6

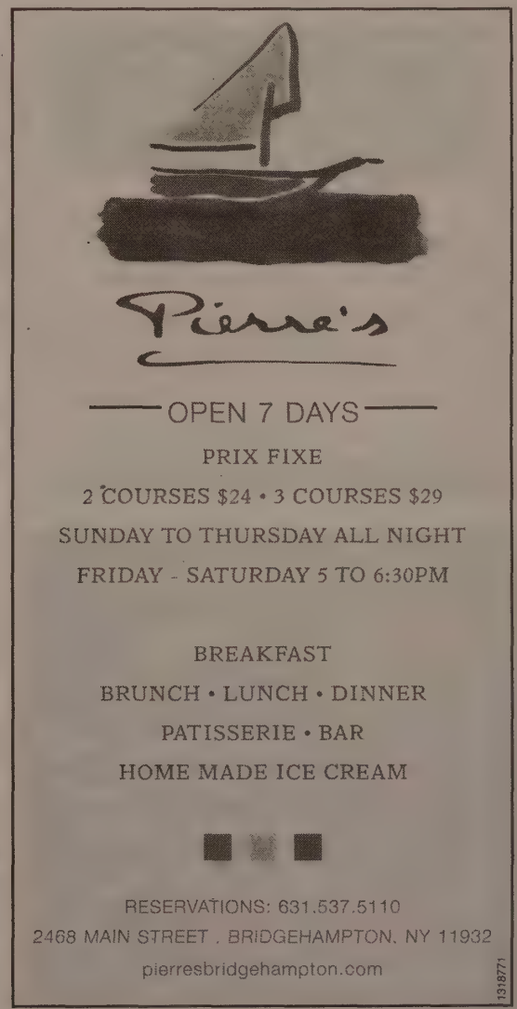
4 Russet potatoes, scrubbed clean
Kosher salt
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
2 tablespoons canola oil
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1/2 cup reduced fat or regular sour cream
1/2 cup grated Gruyére cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

1. Put the potatoes in a saucepan with water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat, add salt to the cooking water to taste, reduce heat to medium and cook until potatoes are tender when pierced with the tip of a knife, about 20 to 30 minutes, according to size of potatoes. Drain and peel while still warm (peel will come of easily). Cut potatoes into coarse pieces on a board.

2. Melt butter with oil in a 10-inch non-stick oven-proof skillet (metal handle) and when butter foam subsides, put in the potatoes, neatly pushing in the sides and leveling the top with a rubber spatula. Season potatoes with salt, pepper and nutmeg, and cook over medium heat to crisp bottom, about 7 to 8 minutes.

3. Place potatoes in preheated oven and bake until potatoes color slightly, about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Invert potato cake onto a Pyrex pie plate. Spoon a layer of sour cream over the crispy brown top and sprinkle with an even layer of grated Gruyére. Adjust oven rack to 3 to 4 inches below broiler and place under broiler for 2 minutes to melt the cheese. Cut into wedges for serving and serve hot or at room temperature.



Food / *Dining*

Review: Princess Diner

By T.J. Clemente

The Princess Diner in Southampton is a unique eating experience. Moderately priced, the cuisine makes you forget about the high prices of many a meal in the Hamptons.The service is great as they make every customer feel like royalty. The place has a local feel, as many community events are hosted in the large banquet room. The tasty desserts tempt even those on the strictest of diets.

The deluxe burgers are among the best out here, french fries are sizzling crisp. My favorite is the meat loaf which reminds me of my grandmother's. I also love the French toast, buttermilk pancakes, crispy bacon and breakfast egg options.

Their lunch specials are the real deal and taste better knowing you're saving some money. And now they're offering an amazing $10.95 prix fix, for lunch or dinner: soup or salad and entree.

The Princess Diner really comes across in filling the bill for heath conscious diners, with salads (try the Greek) and fish specials.

The drinks are not all ice and they do serve wine, beer and mixed spirits. The tenor of the room is friendly with great light from the big diner windows.

The Princess Diner is great for the kids, seniors, teens, and anytime you want to catch a quick meal. Catering is available. Parking in never a problem.

They are open seven days a week serving breakfast, lunch and dinner in the confort of traditional diner dining with booths, tables and of course the counter. The mints are always on the house, the coffee is always fresh and hot, and the local papers are available for your browsing.

The Princess Diner: 32 Montauk Highway in Southampton. 631-283-4255.

Daily Specials

1 NORTH STEAKHOUSE - Steakhouse and Mediterranean Grill offering USDA prime meats and a selection of local seafood. Tuesday: Prix Fixe $24.95, Wed: Date Night- 2 entrées and a bottle of wine $50, Thursday: Prime Rib Night, Sunday: Brunch 11-3 $19.95, Sunday: Martha Clara Night. 1 North Road, Hampton Bays 631-594-3419 www.1northsteakhouse.com

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PIERRE'S - Euro-chic but casual restaurant and bar. Late dinner and bar on weekdays. Open seven days. Brunch Fri.-Sun.. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 2468 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-5110.

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Sunday thru Thursday

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Sunday thru Thursday

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Arts & Entertainment

Art Commentary

by Marion Wolberg Weiss

The Art Scene: New York

Amid the many galleries, museums, parks and other diverse sources in New York, there's a special kind of art that inhabits the city's hotels. We're not talking about high-end venues like the Plaza or the Pierre, but the offbeat hotels with a special history and "character."

The Chelsea comes immediately to mind, where odd people and kinky events have persisted since it became a hotel in 1905. What's unusual is the predominance of art, which has contributed to the hotel's ambience from the beginning. Paintings are everywhere: in the rooms, the apartments and the lobby, but particularly prolific on the walls behind the wrought iron staircases that go to the top floor. The entire display reminds one of a permanent installation. If only the paintings could talk.

Photo by Marion Wolberg Weiss

The Gershwin Hotel Hallway

The works are varied, from abstract to realistic, but they're always bold. It's fun to see if there are pieces by any famous artists; there should be, considering that the hotel has housed famous writers, musicians and others, including Dylan Thomas, Arthur Miller and Bob Dylan. And artist Andy Warhol. But alas, no Warhols are on the wall.

Unique paintings and sculptures in the lobby foster the immediate impression that the Chelsea is a special place if you dare abandon yourself to the experience. As someone once said, "The Hotel's energy is bigger than the people in it." Real fans and long-time residents agree that, "the moment you walk into the Chelsea is the day you are born."

Even if you're not someone to be seduced by the setting, you can't help but be engaged by the lobby art. A figurative image done in gold relief hovers above the fireplace; the portrait of a horse's head stares from the wall. A mirrored, circular chandelier looks down from the ceiling; a female figure dressed in high fashion swings from the same piece.

The art styles are chaotic, the materials bizarre, the images kinky. Thus, the overall impression perfectly captures the Chelsea. It's an impression also caught by the 2009 documentary, *Chelsea on the Rocks*, directed by maverick filmmaker Abel Ferrara.

The movie, called a "hodge-podge of reminiscences, conversations, archival footage and feverish re-enactments of famous incidents at the hotel," is still compelling, especially if you love the Chelsea as much as this critic does.

It's also quite an experience to see the film and then walk up the street, stopping by the actual Chelsea. You say hello to the same desk clerk who's in the movie. You look at the art in the lobby—it's the same, too.

Another avant-garde hotel where art represents a motif is the Gershwin, near Madison Square Park. It has photographs and prints in every hallway; the lobby is filled with large abstract images that are cheerful and fun. The lobby décor seems like Art Deco mixed with Swedish furniture. (A Swedish

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Honoring the Artist: Joanne Von Zwehl

This week's cover artist, Joanne Von Zwehl, is a woman of action, and has been so her entire life. Not only was she once the only female engaged in professional powerboat racing, but she participated in other physically demanding activities like jumping out planes. These days, she limits her physical workouts to running and skiing. Even so, and despite her athletic abilities, Von Zwehl worked in the financial field for many years before she retired and went into art full-time. Her portraits and nautical paintings, particularly, reflect this energy and versatility, her subjects possessing interesting movement and vitality. This means that her portraits of children often illustrate them doing something physical, like playing on the beach or running in the grass.

Q: Your professions show a definite duality. As you know, art is oriented with the right brain, while finance is associated with the left brain. Can you explain your background and how it relates to your dual interests?

A: I went to college in Durango, Colorado, which is very connected to the outdoors. I always loved the water, for example, having family homes on the water in Montauk and Florida. But I majored in business at college; my father discouraged me from going into art. I was in finance for years. Then I took an art course 20 years ago at night and thought, "I just love this." So I was into both business and art.

Q: What was the one thing about art that made you enjoy it so much, compared to business?

A: In business, you can always do better. In art class, I found myself looking at my paintings and saying, "Well, that's really good."

Q: What is your painting experience like, now that you've retired?

A: When I paint, it feels like my day off. Three days a week, I work in my studio where other artists work. One artist is an abstract painter and even though I'm a realist, we give each other support.

Q: You do diverse genres, but your favorites are probably portraits and nautical ("Porthole") scenes. I can see your love of water and your powerboat-racing experiences having an influence on your sea works. What differences are there in the two types of subjects?

A: In portraits, there is no room for error. It's a lot more technical. If you make an extra brush stroke, it is no longer the subject's face. In the nautical scenes, you have more freedom. You can be more creative.

Q: That's why you do both kinds of subjects, to be both technical and creative?

A: Yes. I mix it up. Lennox China purchased 150 copies of the "porthole" series; I supervised the making of the frames in Vietnam.

Q: You must enjoy traveling.

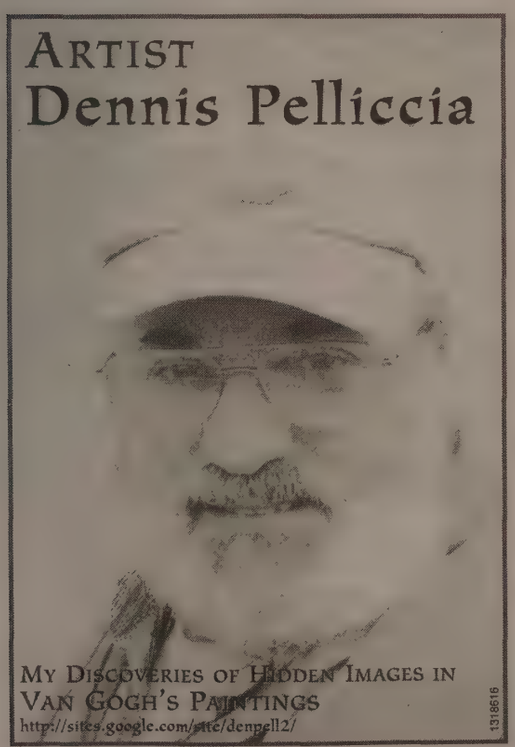
A: Yes, I do; I recently went to Bosnia and Italy. This summer I want to go to Israel and Greece. And I especially like St. Petersburg, which is a mix of Venice and Paris. I'd really like to go to The Great Wall of China, too.

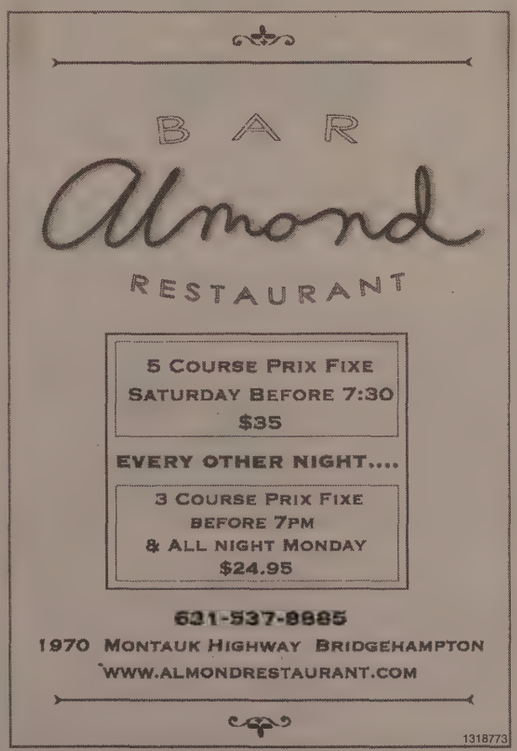
Q: How about your children? Are they interested in art and will you encourage them, even though your own father discouraged you?

A: My son wants to be an artist. I will encourage them; but I want them to do what they want to do.

- Marion Wolberg Weiss

Ms. Von Zwehl's website is: joannevonzwehl.com





Arts & Entertainment

Art Openings & Galleries

OPENINGS AND EVENTS

TWO VERDI MASTERPIECES: ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF LA TRAVIATA AND OTHELLO – 3/6 - At 3 p.m. Two part lecture at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton. Reservations: 631-287-4377.

JURIED ART SHOW – Deadline 3/5, - All artist welcome. No theme paintings, drawings and photography. Size limit 24 x 24 ready to hang work only. $20 per entry, up to 3 submission 2 will picked to show. All work will be judged by professional artist. All works must be at the gallery before March 5. Reception March 7. Call Frank Latorre, Art and Soul Gallery, 495-A Montauk Hwy, Eastport, 631-325-1504.

ANU PRODUCTIONS – 2/27 – Reception for "Working On Fingal Ronain" at 2:30 p.m. at the Watermill Center 39 Towd Road, Water Mill. 212-253-7484 for info.

RETREAT JURIED ART SHOW DEADLINE – 3/12 - The show benefits the Retreat's Domestic Violence Services and is open to all artists with work in Photography, Painting, 2D, 3D and Sculpture, NO video art. The work cannot be larger than 24' x 36'. Entry fee is $50 per entry, limit 3 entries: 1 entry is $50, 2 is $100, and 3 is $150. For complete entry rules and form visit www.hamptonsjuriedartshow.com. The top 25 entries, as decided by the jurors, will be in a group show at the Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery opening on May 1, 2010.

GALLERIES

ANN MADONIA PAINTING GALLERY & FINE ANTIQUES – 36 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 631-283-1878.

ANNYX – 150 Main St., Sag Harbor. 631-725-9064.

ART & SOUL GALLERY – 495 Montauk Highway, Eastport. 631-325-1504. Artsoulgallery.com.

ARTHUR T. KALAHER FINE ART – 28E Job's La., Southampton. Open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment. 631-204-0383.

BENSON-KEYES ARTS – Open by appointment. elainebensongallery@gmail.com. 917-509-1379.

BERNARD GOLDBERG FINE ARTS, LLC – 4 Newtown La., East Hampton.

BERNARD SPRING STEEL – Watercolors and sculptures. Open Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. 7760 Main Bayview Rd., Southold. 631-765-9509.

BIRNHAM WOOD GALLERIES – Open daily 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. 52 Park Pl., East Hampton. 631-324-6010. Birnhamwoodart.com.

BOLTAX GALLERY –Fri.-Mon. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 21 North Ferry Rd., Shelter Island. 631-749-4062.

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CANIO'S GALLERY–290 Main St., Sag Harbor. 631-725-4926.

CECILY'S LOVE LANE GALLERY – Showing a variety of local artists. 80 Love Ln., Mattituck. 631-298-8610.

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THE CRAZY MONKEY GALLERY – Thurs. thru Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 136 Main St., Amagansett. 631-267-3627.

D'AMICO INSTITUTE – Former residence of Victor D'Amico, founding director of Education at the Museum of Modern Art. Early modernist furnishings and found objects on display. By appointment. Lazy Point, Amagansett. 631-267-3172.

DESHUK-RIVERS STUDIO – Visit artist Daria Deshuk for one-on-one tours. Paintings, photographs and works on paper. 141 Maple Ln., Bridgehampton. 631-237-4511. Deshukriversgallery.com.

GALERIE BELAGE –8 Moniebogue La., Westhampton Beach. 631-288-5082.

LEVITAS CENTER FOR THE ARTS –Southampton Cultural Center, Pond La. Weekdays 12-4 p.m., Weekends 12-6 p.m. 631-283-6419.

MARK BORGHI FINE ART – Mix of mid-century modern works and new acquisitions. 2462 Main St., Bridgehampton. 631-537-7245.

MICHAEL PEREZ POP ART GALLERY – Featuring original works by artist/gallery owner Michael Perez. 59 Main St., Southampton. 631-259-2424. Michaelperez-artist.com.

MOSQUITO HAWK GALLERY – 24 N Ferry Rd., Shelter Island. 631-905-4998.

PARASKEVAS GALLERY – Showing Michael Paraskevas' work and children's book illustrations from *Maggie and the Ferocious Beast* and other books published with his mother, Betty. Open by appointment. 83 Main St., Westhampton Beach. 631-287-1665.

L'ORANGERIE FINE ART GALLERY – Sat. 12 - 6 p.m. Sun. 1 – 5 p.m. and by appointment. 633 First Street, Greenport. 631-477-2633. lorangerie@optonline.net.

RATIO GALLERY-MIHstudio – 10 Bell St., Bellport. 631-286-4020. Ratiogallery.com.

RICAHRD J. DEMATO FINE ARTS GALLERY – 90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1161.

ROMANY KRAMORIS GALLERY – 41 Main St., Sag Harbor. 631-725-2499.

SIRENS' SONG GALLERY – Fri.-Mon. 12:30 to 6 p.m. 516 Main Street, Greenport. sirensongallery.com. 631-477-1021.

SPANIERMAN GALLERY AT EAST HAMPTON – 68 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-329-9530.

SURFACE LIBRARY – New works created "in-situ" (on-site) by resident atelier artists, potter Bob Bachler and painter James Kennedy. 845 Springs Fireplace Rd., East Hampton. Thurs – Sun. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 631-291-9061.

SYLVESTER & CO. – "Best of 2009" art show that will continue until March 3, 2010. Viewing is open to the public. The art featured is by many local, international and NCY artists including Eric Buechel, Perry Burns, Elizabeth Dow, David Geiser, James Kennedy, Doug Kuntz, Dennis Lawrence, Jim Napierala, Matthew Satz, Lynda Sylvester, Bijou LeTord and Gavin Zeigler. 154 Main St., Amagansett. Tim@sylvesterathome.com. 631-267-9777.

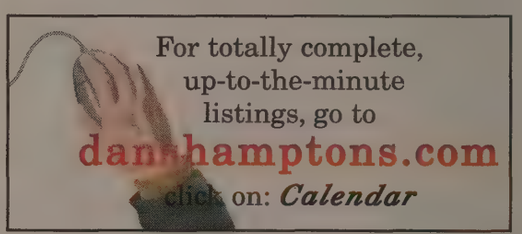
TERRENCE JOYCE GALLERY – 114 Main St., Greenport. 631-477-0700.

TULLA BOOTH GALLERY – Gallery Gems Photography Exhibit, December 11 thru January 30. Artists by Daniel Jones, Burt Glinn, Karine Laval, Christine Matthai, Susan Pear Meisel, Blair Seagram. 66 Main St., Sag Harbor. Thurs.-Mon. 12:30-7 p.m. 631-725-3100. Tullaboothgallery.com.

THE WINTER TREE GALLERY - Extended show Cuca Romley "40 Years in America" through February 28, Also showing: Eric Dever, Barbara Hadden, Jean Holabird, Bruce McCombs, William Negron, Fernando Vignoli. Gallery hours: Daily 12-6 p.m. (closed Tuesday) 125 Main St. Sag Harbor Tel: 631-725-0097.

WISH ROCK STUDIO – Fine art and frame shop. Open Thurs.-Sun. from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 17 Grand Ave., Shelter Island Heights. 631-749-5200.

VERED GALLERY – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. 68 Park Pl., East Hampton. 631-324-3303.



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architect designed the hotel's façade with protruding, pod-like shapes.) An original Andy Warhol print hangs near the lobby elevator.

Upstairs, there are varied art works on all the floors. Favorites include colorful covers from *Interview Magazine,* and collages made from candy wrappers by Michael Albert.

Guests never know what they will run into when they get off the elevators.

The Chelsea Hotel is located on West 23rd Street, near Seventh Avenue; The Gershwin Hotel is on East 27th Street, between Fifth and Madison Avenues.

MOVIES

Schedule for the week of Friday, February 26 to Thursday, March 4. Movie schedules are subject to change. Always call to confirm shows and times.

HAMPTON ARTS (+)
Crazy Heart (R) – Fri., 7:30, Sat, 4:30, 7:30, Sun, 4:30, 7:30, Mon-Thurs, 7
Shutter Island (R) – Fri., 8, Sat, 5, 8, Sun., 5, 8, Mon-Thurs, 7

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (+)
(631-725-0010)
La Danse – 4 all week
North Face – 7 Fri-Thurs, 9 p.m. Saturday

UA EAST HAMPTON (+)
(631-324-0448)
The Last Station (R) – Fri, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25, Saturday, 1:45, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25, Sun., 1:45, 4:30, 7:40, Mon-Thurs, 4:30, 7:40
The Blind Side (PG13) – Fri., 3:50, 7, 10:15, Sat., 12:45, 3:50, 7, 10:15, Sun., 12:45, 3:50, 7, Mon.-Thur, 3:50, 7
Shutter Island (R) – Fri., 4, 7:15, 10:10, Sat., 1, 4, 7:15, 10:10 Sun., 1, 4, 7:15, Mon-Thurs, 4, 7:15
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (PG) – Fri., 4:10, 7:30, 10:20, Sat., 1:15, 4:10, 7:30, 10:20, Sun., 1:15, 4:10, 7:30 Mon.-Thurs., 4:10, 7:30
Valentine's Day (PG13) – Fri., 3:45, 6:50, 9:50, Sat., 12:30, 3:45, 6:50, 9:50, Sun., 12:30, 3:45, 6:50 Mon-Thurs, 3:45, 6:50
Crazy Heart (R) – Fri., 4:20, 7:20, 10, Sat., 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10, Sun., 1:30, 4:20, 7:20 Mon-Thurs, 4:20, 7:20

UA HAMPTON BAYS (+)
(631-728-8535)
Wolfman (R) – Fri, 4:20, 7, 9:30 Sat, Sun 1:10, 4:20, 7, 9:30 Mon-Thur, 4:20, 7
Cop Out (R) – Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10 Sat, Sun 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10 Mon-Thur, 4:30, 7:30
The Crazies (R) – Fri, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40 Sat, Sun 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40 Mon-Thur, 4:40, 7:20
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (PG) – Fri, 4, 7:10, 9:50 Sat, Sun 1, 4, 7:10, 9:50 Mon-Thur, 4, 7:10
Dear John (PG13) – Fri, 4:10, 7:40, 10 Sat, Sun 1:20, 4:10, 7:40, 10 Mon-Thur, 4:10, 7:40

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Valentines Day (PG13) – Fri, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sat, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Sun, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, Mon-Thur, 4:30, 7:30
Wolfman (R) – Fri, 4:20, 7:40, 10:10, Sat, 1:20, 4:20, 7:40, 10:10, Sun, 1:20, 4:20, 7:40, Mon-Thur, 4:20, 7:40
Up In The Air (R) – Fri, 4:10, 7:15, 9:50, Sat, 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 9:50, Sun, 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, Mon-Thur, 4:10, 7:15
Shutter Island (R) – Fri, 4, 7, 10, Sat, 1, 4, 7, 10, Sun, 1, 4, 7, Mon-Thur, 4, 7

MATTITUCK CINEMAS
(Call 631-298-Show for times)
Percy Jackson and the Olympians: Lightening Thief (PG), Cop Out (R), The Tooth Fairy (PG), Valentines Day (PG13), Shutter Island (R), Wolfman (R), Dear John (PG13), Crazy Heart (R), The Crazies (R)

Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center (+)
(631-288-1500)
Broken Embraces – Feb. 26, 27, 7:30, Feb. 28 1, 4
The Velveteen Rabbit (G) – Feb. 27, 11 a.m.

Bay Street Theater (+)
The Time Of Their Lives – February 26, 8 p.m.

The sign (+) when following the name of a theatre indicates that a show has an infrared assistive listening device. Please confirm with the theatre before arriving to make sure they are available.

North Fork

A Deer is Rescued from the Ice, A Man Crashes into a Restaurant

By David Lion Rattiner

The North Fork in the wintertime isn't exactly known for having a bustling news environment this time of year. But there have been two stories in the last two weeks that are simply amazing.

In Cutchogue, a deer was rescued in a fashion that was so touching, it brought a lot of residents to tears when they heard the story. Two DEC police officers were on their shift when they noticed that a deer had fallen through the ice while walking out onto the bay. Its head was poking out of the freezing water as it looked out toward shore, completely helpless. Its fate was certain death.

But Officer Tom Gadomski and Bay Constable Don Dzenkowski decided that this was no way for a deer to die. So they borrowed an old row boat and climbed aboard, with the unsteady boat wobbling through the thin bay ice. While lying down on their stomachs, and with the assistance of resident Bob Bopp, who was feeding out a line from the shore attached to the boat, they used a pitch fork to claw their boat out towards where the deer had fallen through the ice.

Keep in mind that it is freezing cold outside.

The terrified deer remained motionless as they reached out from the bow of the boat and pulled the deer out of the water. They then pulled the deer up onto the ice, where it was dragged to shore. While on shore, the deer wobbled to its feet, and then collapsed to the ground. The officers then covered the deer in a big pile of blankets and in a manner of hours, the deer recovered, warmed up and ran off into the woods. Now, there is a story to tell at the bar.

Speaking of bars, another fascinating story took place on the North Fork this week. While eating at O'Mallys Restaurant in Southold, diners and bar patrons enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and North Fork charm the resonates throughout every restaurant there. But something different happened on this night.

A man in the parking lot, thinking that his car was in reverse, hit the gas and drove forward, smashing through a white picket fence and into the wall of O'Mallys, causing a large rumble inside the restaurant.

The owner of the restaurant, Phil Mannino, scrambled outside to see what the noise was all about, and found the apologetic man, who was not drunk, at the wheel of the car. The exterior of the building suffered a minor crack as the police department responded.

Meanwhile, inside the restaurant, nobody stopped eating.

You gotta love the North Fork. It's just a great place.

North Fork Events

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY – *Everlasting Moments*, 1:30 p.m. at Mattituck-Laurel Library in Mattituck. A young woman wins a camera in time for social change, unrest, war and poverty. Golden Globe nominee. Admission is free. Call 631-298-4134 for more info.

HEMINGWAY LECTURE – Lecture entitled, "Hemingway: The Man, the Writer and the Myth," 4 p.m. at Peconic Landing Auditorium in Greenport. Lecture and discussion led by Hemingway scholar Prof. Carroll Grimes. All are welcome. Admission is free. Call 631-477-3800 for info.

TEEN MOVIE AND DISCUSSION AT THE LIBRARY - Teen book and movie discussion at 5:30 p.m. for grades 7 and up at Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library. Pizza, movie and talk. Free. Call 631-765-2077 for more info.

TALENT NIGHT IN MATTITUCK - Presented by the Unity Baptist Church in Mattituck. Scholarship program. All are welcome. Call 631-978-3293 for details.

DIALOGUES AT THE SHELTER ISLAND LIBRARY – First talk entitled, "Are You Ready For Life, Part 2?" at 7 p.m. at the Shelter Island Public Library. Friday night dialogues feature Emmy-award-winning journalist, *USA Today* columnist, author and PBS host Robert Lipsyte, who shares insights on how America's 78 million baby boomers are redefining the middle age and beyond. Admission is free; donations are accepted. Call 631-749-0042 for more info.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

3RD ANNUAL PECONIC PLUNGE - at Veterans Memorial Park in Mattituck. All proceeds benefit Maureen's Haven Homeless Outreach Program. Registration is at 9:30 a.m.; plunge is at 11 a.m. For sponsorship kit or information, call 631-727-6831.

HAVE A HEART BENEFIT DINNER - 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (2 seatings) at the Peconic Landing in Greenport. Music by Ron Wickey. Admission for adults is $20; and $10 for children ages 12 and under. Must purchase tickets in advance only: call 631-477-1717 or make purchase from any board member.

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE - 1 p.m. features *Snow White* at the Southold Free Library. Admission is free; showing is for all ages. Refreshments will be served. Call 631-765-2077 for more information.

OYSTERPONDS CINEMA - 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. screenings at Poquatuck Hall in Orient. Ballots are available at The Orient Country Store and on Oysterponds Winter Cinema Facebook page. Tickets cost $5 per film and $8 for the double feature; on sale at Orient Country Store, and at the door. Visit Poquatuckhall.com for more info.

STEAK NIGHT WITH THE ORIENT FIRE DEPARTMENT - Annual steak night, 6-9 p.m., hosted by the Orient Fire Department. Tickets are $30 and are available at The Country Store, The Candyman or directly from any O.F.D. member. Early purchase is advised.

YOUTH NIGHT - Youth Night for grades 5-8, 7-9 p.m. at the Southold Town Recreation Center on Peconic Lane in Peconic. Pool, ping-pong, indoor basketball and foosball. Snacks and refreshments are available. Bring favorite CDs or iPod. Admission is free for resident youths. Call 631-765-5182 for more info.

HOW TO USE YOUR TELESCOPE LECTURE - 7-10 p.m. at the Custer Institute and Observatory in Southold. Lecture and hands-on workshop with Jeff Norwood. Bring equipment. Suggested donation is $15; $10 for members; and $5 for full-time students with ID. Call 631-765-2626 or visit custerobservatory.org for more info.

HOCKEY WINTER FESTIVAL - Greenport Pirates Hockey Club's 2010 Winter Festival, Saturday, Feb. 27, 12-8 p.m. in Mitchell Park. Activities include youth ice hockey tournament, special appearances by New York Islanders Mascot Sparky the Dragon and Ice Girls, L.I. Curling Club interactive demos, and more. 631-298-4910.

LIVE MUSIC AT SPARKILING POINTE - Live music by Danny Keys, 1-6 p.m. Kays will take requests on piano. Sparkling Pointe is located at 39750 County Road 48 in Southold. Call 631-765-0200 or visit for more info.

CRAFTS ON THE VINE, FEBRUARY 27, 28 - Support your local artisans! A two-day craft fair designed to showcase your local artisans. Taking place 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on February 27 and 28. Admission is free. There will be live piano-playing by various local musicians. Located at Castello di Borghese Vineyard on the North Road in Cutchogue. Call Lynn Tonnessen at 631-734-7865 for more information.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

INDOOR AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET – 11th annual Indoor Automotive Swap Meet, Car Corral and Flea Market, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Southold Town Recreation Center im Peconic. Sponsored by the Peconic Bay Region of Antique Automobile Club of America. Tables cost $20; car corral is also $20; spectators admission is $2 each. Call 631-369-2634 for more info.

WINTERFEST BRUNCH – 27th annual Winterfest Brunch, sponsored by ELIH Auxiliary at Vineyard Caterers, Main Road in Aquebogue. Advance tickets only at $25 each. Snow date is Sunday, March 7. Call 631-765-5896 for more info.

LIVE IRISH MUSIC - Fiddler's Green performs Irish music at 2 p.m. at Southold Free Library. Sponsored by Friends of SFL. All are welcome. Call 631-765-2077 for more info.

LIVE MUSIC AT SPARKILING POINTE - 1-6 p.m. Live music. Sparkling Pointe, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. Call 631-765-0200. www.sparklingpointe.com.

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Day By Day

Dan's COMING UP

Upcoming events can be seen in the following sections:
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PICK OF THE WEEK

HOPE FOR HAITI BENEFIT - 3/4- 5 to 8 p.m. Suggested donation of $25. At the Lodge Bar and Grill restaurant on Race Lane in East Hampton. Mercedes Ruehl will attend as a special guest and will read a Haitian poem as part of a poetry reading. Call 516-380-7809 for more information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WOLFFER – Iris Orning, an extremely talented German jazz performer, will perform tonight. Start the weekend with a warm glow at Wölffer Estate Vineyard from 5 to 8:00 p.m. The beautiful Tuscan-style winery tasting room will be candlelit with the spotlight on new musical talent as well as the Wölffer wines. "Candlelight Fridays" will feature wine by the glass, mulled wine by the mug, and cheese or charcuterie plates for purchase. There is no cover charge for the entertainment. 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. Contact Judy Malone at 631-537-5106.

Mercedes Ruehl

THE PICTURE SHOW – Abbott and Costello day, enjoy the film "The Time of Their Lives" for $5 on the big screen. 1 Long Wharf. Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500.

DJ KARO – DJ Karo at Blue Sky Restaurant in Sag Harbor. No Cover, special guests and interesting performers. Everyone is welcome! 9:30 p.m. 631-725-1810.

THE SHENOLE LATIMER QUARTET - The Shenole Latimer Quartet has become the signature ensemble for award winning jazz saxophonist Shenole Latimer. Performing at 7 p.m. at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Ponds Lane, Southampton. 631-287-4377.

WINTER LECTURE WITH THE EHHS - The East Hampton Historical Society winter lecture. Explore fascinating topics in local history. 7 p.m. Admission is free. At the Clinton Academy Museum, 151 Main St., East Hampton. Phone: 631-324-6850.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

WINTER FARMERS MARKET - Running every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Main Street across from the Beach Bakery in Westhampton Beach check out the Winter Farmers Market. Variety of farm produce will be there.

CULINARY DEMO -12-2 p.m. Loaves and Fishes Cookshop, 2422 Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton. 631-537-6066.

DJ MATT COSS – DJ Matt Coss at Blue Sky Restaurant in Sag Harbor. No Cover, special guests and interesting performers. Everyone is welcome! 9:30 p.m. 631-725-1810.

BAY STREET, WORKSHOP PERFORMANCE - "The Chalks" is performed at 8 p.m., directed by Thomas Caruso and starring Mary Brienza, Kathryn Markey and Leenya Belva. $15. 1 Long Wharf. Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500.

HYPE (Helping Young People Excel) - Organized by Natasha Jeffries, a teacher assistant at Southampton school district and PTA president. The evening will be honoring and recognizing community advocates and leaders. At the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Ponds Lane, Southampton. 631-287-4377.

CARTOONS BY DAN RATTINER - Dan's Papers founder Dan Rattiner will be showcased at Stony Brook Southampton College library for a month beginning today. Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshements will served.

TERRY WINCHELL - Parlor Music Concert. Live music at its best with local singer/songwriter Terry Winchell at 2 p.m. at Corwith Homestead, 2368 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. Reservations required. 631-537-1088

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MAT PILATES – Mat pilates every Sunday at 12 p.m. at the Quogue Library. $7. 631-653-4224.

A JOURNEY THORUGH JAZZ - "Our Music, Our Culture - A Journey Through Jazz History" with award winning jazz saxophonist and Tierra Records recording artist Shenole Latimer. Special Event: $25; students under 18 no charge. The Southampton Cultural Center. Call 631-375-8766 for tickets and information.

MUSIC LECTURE - Lecture entitled "The Musical, Philosphical & Spiritual Aspects of 3 Symphonies by Gustav Mahler". Lecture is accompanied by selected video. Goes from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Hampton Library, Bridgehampton. Admission is free.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

DANCING 101 - Learn basic dance movements and popular steps. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Living Well Yoga and Fitness, 83 Elmwood Street, Montauk. 516-380-5422.

PILATES - Mat pilates at the Quogue Library. 6:30 p.m. Call 631-653-4224 ext 4 to register for the class. Cost is $7. Quogue.

FRIENDS OF THE BIG DUCK- Meets 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the David W. Crohan Community Center, 655 Flanders Road (Route 24), Flanders. Membership is free and open to all Suffolk residents. 631-727-5342.

LIFE DRAWING ART CLASS - Life drawing art class sponsored by the Southampton Artists Association. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Southampton Cultural Center located at 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. 631-725-5851.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

OPEN MIC NIGHT – Open mic night hosted by Johnny B, every Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Sign up at 8 p.m. Quogue East Pub, 530 Montauk Hwy, East Quogue. 631-653-6677.

HOPE FOR HAITI BENEFIT - 5 to 8 p.m. Suggested donation of $25. At the Lodge Bar and Grill restaurant on Race Lane in East Hampton. Mercedes Ruehl will attend as a special guest and will read a Haitian poem as part of a poetry reading. Call 516-380-7809 for more information.

WRITERS SPEAK - 7 p.m. at the Duke Lecture Hall. Free and open to the public. There also will be select special events at Stony Brook Manhattan. Three emerging poets will speak and read poetry. For further information, call 631-632-5030.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT AT BAYSTREET - Enjoy a trunk show, sushi demonstration, movie ticket coupon, mini massages, manicures, a raffle ticket provided by Style Bar Day Spa. Enjoy pampering, fashion, cocktails and more. Tickets are just $20. 1 Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0818 or 631-725-9500.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

JIM TURNER LIVE - Jim Turner Hosts Open Mic Night at Blue Sky Restaurant in Sag Harbor. No Cover, special guests and interesting performers. Everyone is welcome! 9 p.m. 631-725-1810.

COMING UP

TWO VERDI MASTERPIECES: ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF LA TRAVIATA AND OTHELLO - March 6 at 3 p.m. Two part lecture at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton. Reservations call 631-287-4377.

For totally complete, up-to-the-minute listings, go to
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click on: *Calendar*

Weekend Options

"The Chalks"

By T.J. Clemente

This coming weekend, both the newly renovated John Drew Theater at Guild Hall in East Hampton and The Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor will be offering original and unusual entertainment to get us through these darkest days of late winter. On Feb. 27, Bay Street is hosting a production from the acclaimed Workshop Program, which, according to Bay Street Co-Artistic Director Murphy Davis, "brings artists, writers, producers and audiences together to collaborate on the development of a new piece of theater... This shared experience is integral to the understanding of the process and is invaluable to all involved." On Saturday at 8 p.m., Thomas Caruso directs *The Chalks (An American Family in Three Chords)*. The performers, Kathryn Markey, Leenya Rideout and Mary Brienza, are also the creators.

The show has been described as a work-in- progress musical comedy about the lives of three sisters who've spent their careers as a trio performing, touring and bailing one another out of trouble, including jail. Admission is $15. Call 631-725-9500.

The only trouble you may have is deciding to go to that event, or to the John Drew, because on Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Guild Hall, along with Hamptons International Film Festival, is presenting a special screening of director Martin Scorsese's early '70s film *Mean Streets*. The venerable Alec Baldwin will lead the post-film discussion.

Martin Scorsese

Produced in 1973 and written by Martin Scorsese and Mardik Martin, the film starred Harvey Keitel, Robert DeNiro and David Proval. DeNiro won the National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Supporting Actor, for his rendition of John "Johnny Boy" Civello. In 1997, *Mean Streets* was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." This New York City mob film went on to define the careers of its actors and director, as well as having a profound effect on all the mafia-theme films that followed. Baldwin's post-discussion of the movie is alone worth the price of admission. The cost is $15, or $13 for Guild members. Good seats are still available at the box office or by calling (1-866-811-4111).

So there are some great entertainment options this Saturday night. You only have to choose.

e-mail Dan at askdan@danspapers.com

Letters

SCRUTINIZE DEFENSE SPENDING
Dear Dan,

Defense spending is by far the largest expenditure of our federal government, and it's increasing every year. The defense budget represents about half of all U.S. discretionary spending. Our defense appropriations exceed the total amount of defense spending by all other nations in the world – combined! Defense spending is one of the largest contributors to our huge deficits.

We are embroiled in two wars, racking up deficits, and Americans are not willing to pay for them by having their taxes increased. We can't have it both ways; either we pay for our wars, or we incur further deficits. The U.S. no longer can be the world's sole policeman. It will take the combined efforts of all civilized nations to help stamp out terrorism throughout the world.

The defense budget is a 'sacred cow' that few legislators seem willing to trim because they will almost certainly be labeled as being soft on defense – or even worse, 'unpatriotic'.

There is always fat and waste that can be trimmed in any budget. Defense Department budgets should receive the same scrutiny as any other department of our government and should not be immune from legitimate cuts in unnecessary, wasteful spending.

Paul G. Jaehnert
Vadnais Hts, MN
Via e-mail

Next they'll go after the park budgets. -DR

SAVE LONG ISLAND PARKS!
Dear Dan,

I was just wondering if you are going to cover the ten Long Island Parks/Beaches that may close by summer. I have organized a group on Facebook, - Save Long Island Parks.

I have been emailing, calling and letting everyone around me know that we have to take action. We can't just sit back and let this happen. We have

to try everything in our power to stop them! I have advised everyone to call, email or even visit his or her senator or assemblyperson, contact the Parks Dept., contact the Governor, contact everyone! Get the word out!

People have been sharing their thoughts, stories, and pictures with me through Facebook and it is so touching. If these Parks are boarded up, so are all of our memories of the past and future. This can't happen! My family owns a house on Latham Lane in Orient Point and I live in Malverne with my husband and two small children. We travel all year round to Orient Beach State Park. My father takes my 3 1/2 year old is his Electric Car through the park and they always stop for a ride on the swing. The newly renovated playground is fantastic! My son looks forward to this time as soon as the weather gets warm. I now have a daughter who just turned a year old Feb 2nd and I was so looking forward to making those same memories with her. But these closures will stop that from happening.

When I told me son that the park is going to close he told me that it was just for the winter maybe or because it was night. I told him it was forever and he said I had to stop them. I went into the kitchen and came back and he asked me if I stopped them yet. He is 3 1/2.

I was recently contacted by the Parks & Trails New York. They would like to join us in the fight here on Long Island. I will be contacting her today to see what else can be done.

Thank you so much. We need as much help as we can get.

Sincerely,
Allison Lyons
Malverne, NY
Via e-mail

Montauk Downs State Park will be closing its swimming pool for the summer. -DR

THANK YOU THANKYOU
Dear Dan,

On behalf of the Have a Heart Community Trust, I would like to sincerely thank you for the support you have given to our organization.

The Bake Sale on Friday, February 12 was a wonderful success. The effort by *Dan's Papers*, the sponsor [Bridgehampton National Bank] and the donation from local businesses all contributed to an excellent event.

The Monies raised will be used to assist local families in severe financial need. They will be very appreciative of your contribution.

Yours Sincerely
William Wright,
President, Have a Heart Community Trust
Southampton
Via snail mail

But the desserts were fattening. -DR

Police Blotter

You Are Being Watched

Police arrested a 17-year-old at East Hampton High School after a school worker watched him on a surveillance video handling marijuana. Police were called and the student was arrested.

Shelter Island

Army Veteran Old Man McGimbleton, 92, inspected an odd noise coming out of his basement at 321 America Washington Road. Armed with his WWII rifle, his army helmet and balls of steel, he headed into the basement to see what the trouble was. He turned on his oil lamp, and in the darkness he went. Again he heard the noise, and turned around in terror and pulled his rifle trigger, unloading 43 rounds of ammunition at what he described as, "A man with dark eyes." After inspecting the target area, nothing was found. None of his shots hit their target.

Old Man McGimbleton went back to bed, his rifle by his side, his dentures on the bed stand.

Shelter Island 2

Police on Shelter Island found a dead raccoon on the side of the road. It appeared to have suffered a heart attack.

Sara Palin?

A woman in East Hampton reported to police that her son is being harassed on Facebook. The woman reported that somebody offered to pay $50 to shoot her son according to a Facebook wall post. The woman claims that her son is being accused of stealing an X-Box by the culprit. Her son text message his mom to tell her that he was okay. She sent him a Facebook message to inform him of the report. He then instant messaged her to tell her ok.

Copper Gutters

Nine copper gutters were reported stolen from a home in Bridgehampton. The estimated worth of the gutters is $3,000. NINE COPPER GUTTERS COST $3,000! I'M IN THE WRONG BUSINESS!

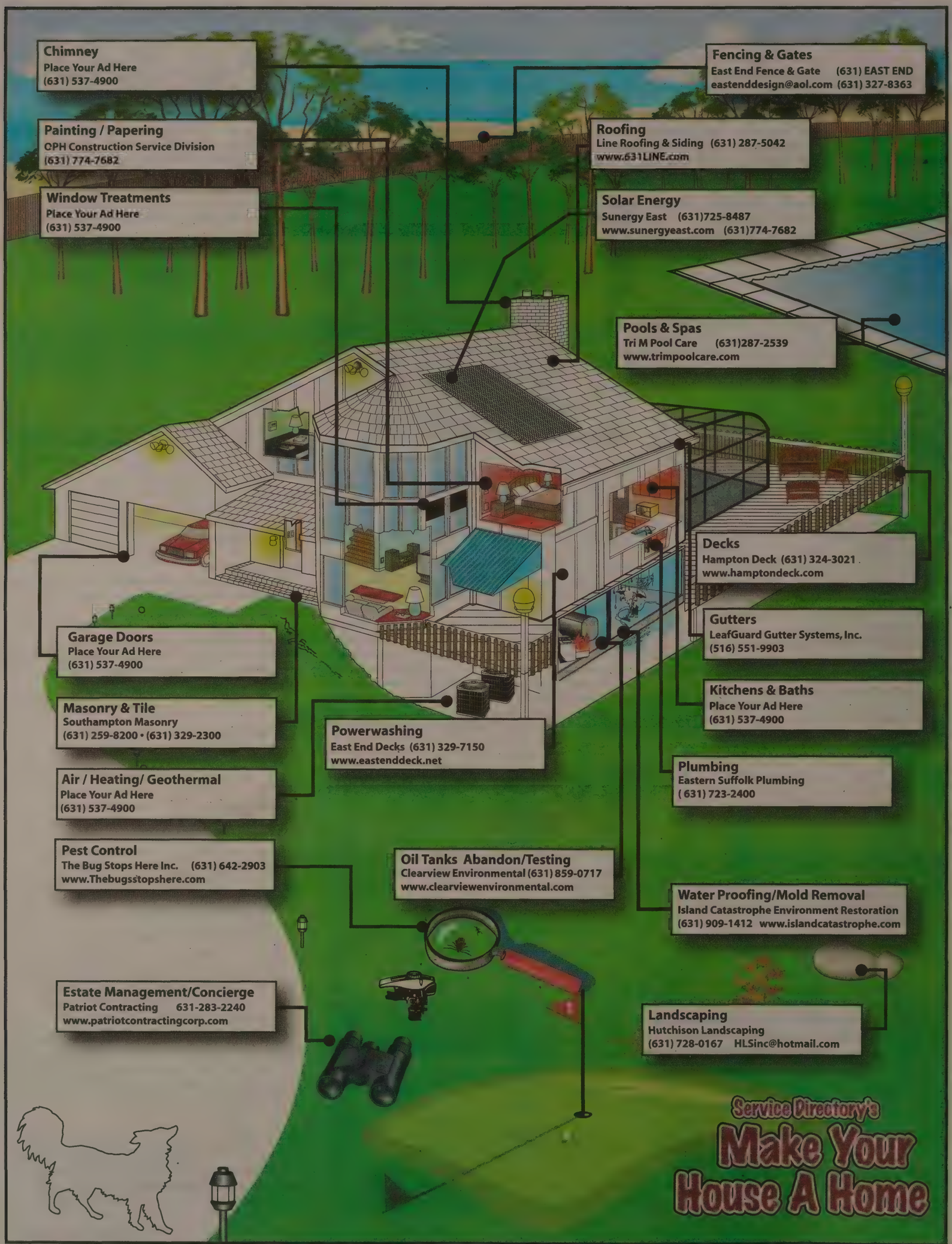
Switchblade

A man in Bridgehampton was arrested for having a switch blade on his person. Police discovered the switch blade after a routine traffic stop. History note on switchblades because we were surprised you can be arrested for that too. Switchblades are often covered by very specific laws – enacted at times of moral panic by newspapers and films about knife use by criminals. This was most prominent in the late 1950s, when films such as *Rebel Without a Cause* and *High School Confidential* in 1955 portrayed them. The Broadway play *West Side Story* and *12 Angry Men* in 1957 all featured switchblades, and were closely followed by the US Switchblade Act of 1958.

Ewwww

A man in East Hampton reported to police that after leaving his home on business, he returned to find used condoms on his porch.

By David Lion Rattiner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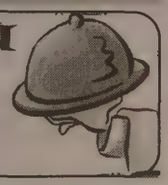

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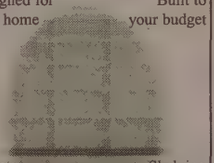

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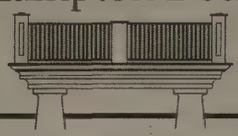

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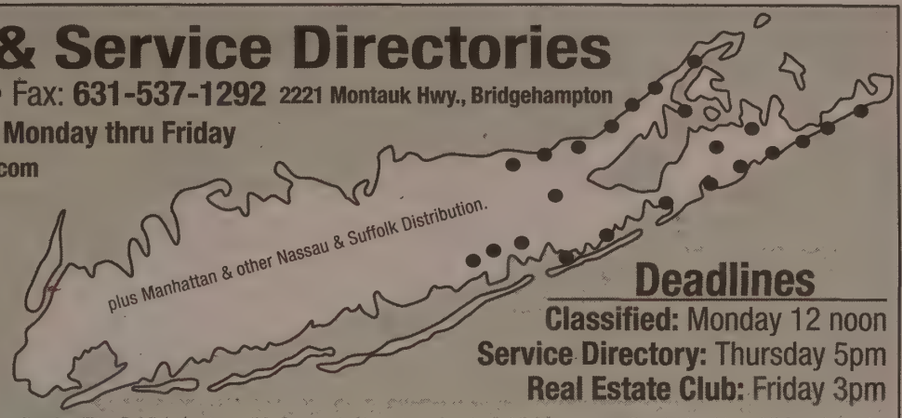

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